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PREFACE.

THIS volume contains the proceedings of Elihu Yale and Council for the year 1691. It is the seventeenth volume of the series of Public Consultations. The original manuscript is in a fair state of preservation.

H. DODWELL,
Curator, Madras Record Office.

2nd March 1917.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

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OF

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[*From January 1 to December 31, 1691.*]

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The Dyary and Consultation Book of the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale Esq^{r} President Governour & Councill, their Proceedings & Transactions for the Affaires of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Chormandell and the Bay of Bengala.

This morning about Seaven of the Clock appear'd the French fleet to the Northward consisting of Six Saile of Ships and one Sloop upon sight whereof the following note was sent to the Councill in order to their repairing to their Severall Posts and Command for the defence of the Garrison, and Shipp Recovery being in the road Laden partly wth: the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's concernes for Tevenepatam Fort, guns were fyred and note sent off for her speedy Sailing for either the port of St. David or Trincambar to secure them from the french, when about nine she was under Saile, and was persued by them and about 4 in the evening, the french fleet came up to her within Gunshott, she fearing they would attack her, Sailed into the Shore amongst the rocks abreast of Milevorom or Seven Pagodas where she was providentially saved from her enimyes. JANUARY. 1mo

To the Worsp^{ll} Councill.

S^{rs}: The french fleet being in Sight the Governour requires your repair to your severall Posts and Command as formerly appointed for the defence and Safeguard of the Garrison.

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Your servant
WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

An Express from the President to Fort. S^{t}. David adviseing of the approach of the French fleet and to putt themselves in a posture of defence against any Surprize.

Another to the Governour of Trincambar requesting his protection of Ship Recovery if She Should arrive there, and receive the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concerns ashoare till further advice.

Generall to the Agent and Councill of Bengall adviseing of the present ocurrances. 2.

The President Sent the following Paper to the Councell for their perusall and consent which was agreed to, by M^{r} Jn^{o} Cheney & M^{r} W^{m} Fraser, M^{r} Thom^{s} Gray being at the mount.

Since the ship Recovery cannot safely proceed to S^{t}. Davids, it being too near Pullicherry nor returne hither wth the Company's goods the winds and Current being contrary, its therefore agreed and orderd that the Comp^{as} goods be unladen at Sadraspatam, and do remaine there till an oppertunity offers to send

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them to Fort S^{t} Davids after the french ships are departed, and M^{r} Sam^{ll} Owen do go to Sadraspatam to receive s^{d} goods ashoar and house them in the dutch factory and that the President do write the Chief and desire his care of them.

Instruction to M^{r} Samuel Owen.

To M^{r} Samuel Owen.

These are to order your proceedure to Sadraspatam to receive the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods from Ship Recoveree, and to have them there till a safer oppertunity for their transport to fort S^{t} David w^{ch} will be dangerous to doe it now the french fleet being at Pullicherry the Allome and Brimstone and Coales being of small Vallue which will require much time for their unladeing, therefore you may continue them aboard her, as also the Stores for Ship Bencolen both which she may fetch from Trincambar, ordering you to dispatch your buisness and returne as soon as possible in fort S^{t} George this 3^{d} of January $169\frac{0}{1}$.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^{M} FRASER.

An order to the Command^{r} of ship Recovery for the delivery of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concernes aboard her to the Cheif of Sadraspatam.

The Presidents Letter to the Cheif of Sadraspat̃, desireing his assistance and care in the houseing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods in their factory till an oppertunity presents for their transport.

Letter from the Heer Laurence Pitt to the Presid^{t} adviseing the arrivall of two of their Shipps at Zeilon, which had bin a long time on their passage from Europe, but in dayly expectation of more lately come out. Also came inclosed a translate of the French orders and Instruction to their Fleet which they had intercepted.

A Sloop arrived this day from Arrackan.

4. Generall from Fort S^{t}. Davids of the 2^{d}: Ins^{t}: and the 31st December adviseing of the arrivall of the french fleet at Pullicherry, and least they should make attempt on the Dyamond friggot, who lying at Anchor in Cuddalore road wth near half her Ladeing of Pepper aboard they intend with all possiblety to despatch her to Negapatam or Trincambar to secure her from the Enimy.

6. M^{r} Samuel Owen haveing unladed the Recovery of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods and Secured them in the Dutch factory at Sadraspatam, returned this morning with a letter from the Cheif there.

The following Paper was sent to the President which was orderd to be registerd.

To THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Honrd S^{r}:

For the better ordering and directing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires, they have thought it absolutely necessary to order by their establisht printed rules, which by their Severall letters they require us to observe as Lawes, that the Councell be summond and mett once every week at least, to propose, consult and debate the good of the place and the management of their Affaires and monthly to read acc^{ts}: and examine their Cash, which was allwayes the practice of your Hon^{rs} Predicessors, but your Hon^{r} has not only neglected, but willfully refused to give obedience to this our R^{t} Hon^{ble} Masters most necessary injunction. We haveing often humbly requested Your Hon^{r} to settle Councill dayes in complyance to their commands, which you have both denyed & slighted pretending your own buisness was too great to ꝑmitt your attending the Comp^{as} it is now a long time Since you were pleased to Summons us to Councill and permitt our examining the Comp^{as} Cash, which you have by an assumed unwarantable arbitrary power, made use of as suited best to your own proffitt, converting it to your own use and purposes

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most of your Actions have of late been either without our advice & Knowledge or contrary to our approbations, from these and many other your irregular proceedings, noe other conclusion can be made, then that you designe present distruction to the place and the Rt Honble Compas affaires, wherefore we desire your Honr to satisfye us in writeing, from whence it is you derive the power you daily exercise, which is so opposite to the Compas orders, and so far exceeding their limitts, we being in joint Commission wth your Honr, as likewise whither you are still resolved to persist therein and continue acting Singly in the Compas buisness without consulting wth us, you can't pretend we ever refused to give our Attendance upon your summons, notwth standing we must confess your continuall affronts, abuses and ill language is somewt unpleasant to us, haveing never been used to the like from any Pson but your Honr, but we are willing to bear wth that & at many more ill names as yo are able to contrive rather then to let the Compas buisness suffer from any private discontmt and do therefore declare our readiness to promote their interest, wch if we find Yr Honr still resolved to oppose, we must make it or Studdy justly to prevent their approaching ruine We are

Honble Sir
Yr most humble Servants
THO: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLM FRASER.
THO GRAY.

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6th Janry : 1690/1.

Following Paper was sent by the President to the Council and orderd to be registerd.

TO THE WORPLL COUNCILL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

I have been thus long silent to your scurrilous Paper of the 10th Novbr as well to conceal your insolent mallice, as to Silence your Turbelancyes, but I see such mildness rather emboldens then calms them, as by your new venemous production, whose audacious falcitys, and threats, provoke me to a plainer answer then I intended, that the Rt Honble Campa and the world may judge twixt me and you as to our dutyes actions and Services, tho it falls upõ me in a very inconvenient time, when my thoughts and cares are otherwise employd in the Honble Compas affaires, but I doubt tis one of your designe to disturb both them and me, but least my Silence Should be construed a concession, I must proceed Vizt :

To your first paper of the 10th November last wherein you without reason or particulr boldly censure my answer to your former paper to be mallicious and untrue from both which I wish you were as free as I am, having therein wrote nothing but what I can readily prove and am so farr from vindicating or extenuating any faults in my brother, that you know I have been more seveer wth him in his Accts and allowances, then yo would have been, and if you can prove the least fraud or errour in his Accts or managery of the Rt Honble Companyes Affaires as I assured you before So do Still that my hand Shall be first against him to make all due Satisfaction, and I cannot but wonder that amongst so many great pretences you do not prove Something against him, and yet continue your oppressive rigour in detaining him from returning to his Native Countrey and our Honble Masters, as well upon their buisness as his own, also your prohibiting his goeing upon the Defence, tho Security was offerd to answer all charges against him, but nothing would Satisfye, but his confiment contrary to all Lawes and Justice, to the Honble Compa and his great prejudice.

Then for his answer to your charge, wch I never perused or Saw till after you, nor doe I find it or him to deserve so vile a character as you daub him with, and your poor unbecomeing quibble for so wise a Councill, in seperateing his name, to abuse him with ye dull addition of an Asse, which you might have better kept to your Selves, Since I hope he has wrote nothing but what he can prove, which if you question, you may examine him thereon & report as you find, tho really

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upon a serious perusall, I see nothing of that scurrillity or abuse you mention, to deserve confinement & punishment, since I assure you I strictly cautiond him from it, and tis but just and Naturall for all men to Vindicate & clear y^{m}selves from accusations and aspersions wth the best pleas and arguments they can, which has been allowed by our King and his Lawes and practic't in all Courts of Judicature, in other strains you may also please to reflect upon your own disrespectfull carriages to me both in words writeing & actions and Surely considering my station & condition, twill be allowed there is as great a difference due from you to me as from him to you, considder this well before you pass Sentence.

And for his longer detention here only upon pretences in my opinion is violent injustice and what you must be answerable for, for my part I hereby declare that I neither have nor shall, deny any of the Kings Subjects y^{e} liberty of returning to England, provided they have served their covenanted time to the Hon^{ble} Camp^{a} and discharged all other obligations to o^{r} just demands from them or leave Security for it and this is the utmost of their Hon^{rs} orders, w^{ch} I dare not exceed and for what y^{o} have done or Shall doe more then this, Tis upon your own heads.

Your next Paragraph makes me blush for some of you for so strange & opposite a change of your notes, recollect yourSelves and you will find that you have complaind and witness't against each other, nay some of you have to me confess't Severall of the frauds I have charged them with, which now to particularise would be to no more purpose then an examintion, Since undoubtedly all would be cleared by majority of Voats soe must deferr that to a juster Season, and So much to your first paper.

Your second of the 6th Instant is indeed a weighty charge against mySelf, were there any of truth in it, which you must excuse me for obviating since of so great concerne to my person reputatiõ and estate.

You first mind me of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Camp^{as} orders for the calling a Councill once a week, which till very lately I have duly ꝑformd twice a week as Sufficiently by our Consultation Books, where you will also find the great neglect & contempt of my Summons, by the often willfull absence of Some of you, who publickly declared their Slites & aversion to them, & y^{e} reason why I have not troubled y^{o} are many. First for want of buisness secondly that some time after the dispatch of the Defence, I went to my Garden house for my health and diversion, as some of you did to the Mount and elsewhere, but mine is soe near the town, as was no impediment to my inspection of the place, or the Hon^{ble} Camp^{as} affaires dayly giveing the usuall orders for the garrison and duely corresponding with all places, we had occasion, and when any other buisness offerd I propos'd it to you in writeing as appears by their entryes in the Consultation Book,and our severall letters, So that there has been noe neglect in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} buisness y^{t} I know of, the Secretary also acquainting you by my order, that if you had anything of moment to offer, you might signifye it to him and I should Summon a Councill for it, but heard nothing from you thereof, This quiett method I proposed as an expedient for the more unanimous carrying on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Affaires without interruption & to avoyd the usuall disturbances our meetings were noised with, where instead of reasoning upon buisness, I mett with nothing but obstructions, provokeing affronts and cavills & that what we then agreed on, was either cancelled next day or blotted wth abusive, malicious or Senceless exceptions which made me both weary & asham'd of them, nay many of our Consultations are yet unsignd tho offten offerd to your perusall by the Secretary who also at your desire Sent the books to your houses where instead of Signing, Severall of you, have contrary to all rules and reason, enterd strange objections to Consultations, that had many months before been freely agreed to and signd what comfort or encouragement do y^{o} think I can have from such irregular meetings and actions, however though you falcly charge me with it, there neither has nor shall be anything acted in the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires wthout your privity and Concurrance, though you were lately unanimously resolved to leave me to act by myself, and I was forced to conceed to your

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unreasonable dangerous demands to prevent it, had I bin inclined to a Singular arbitrary Authority I might have taken y^t^ oppertunity for it, but I neither have nor desire to act soe tis not my Safety nor Satisfaction, so 'tis y^e^ that rather encline to a Seperation by refuseing to Signe the Generall Letter to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ or give your reasons against it, which is directly contrary to the Comp^as^ orders Said letter being also read and past in Councill there was indeed one late weighty buisness y^t^ required great Secrecy, which I never yet found nor can expect from you, and I thank God I have been Successfull therein to the doeing the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ and Nation a very Signall Service at very little Charge, which I doubt not, will be well approved of to my reputation, the divulging it may yet be a prejudice, and therefore desire it may be for some time a little private, whereby I hope either to improve or secure it.

You nextly asperse me with making use of and employing the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^ Cash to my own proffit, which the Allmighty knowes is as falce as he is True, I haveing often freely Supplied their occasions with many thous^ds^ Pagodas, but I thank God had never any inclination or occasion to make use of theirs, and this the Secretary is my Wittness in, he according to the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Camp^as^ : order being my Assistantt in keeping their Cash and its Acc^t^ : by my direction paying and receiving all, and y^e^ : more to prove the idleness of your charge, I must tell you, that for near two years past, I have had near a hundred thousand Pag^s^ : of my freinds consignements layne dead by me for want of an oppertunity to invest it, besides some of my own which I desire you will take notice of, least it falls into the dividend, that has bin talk't of, but y^s^ is like the rest of your Scandalous forgerys, which in the end, will make you infamous amongst all Loyall honest good men and this I hear some of you have boasted that our Hon^ble^ : worthy Patron will defend you in these things, yet be assured, you will find yourselves mistaken he is too good and just for it, haveing both in his Generall and particular letters soe much inveighed against Such Vile proceedings that I am confident he will abhor yo^r^ actions when he knows them, and twas my great misfortune S^r^ : John Child lived not hither, who I am certaine would have done me right and by his Authority taught you better things, for I have been So farr from denying you the perusall of the Hon^ble^ Camp^as^ Cash, that I could hardly perswade you to take notice of it, when twas counted out, and have still the same freedome to examine it every month, if you please, it being in the Secretaryes keeping, or if y^e^ : have Authority to order it from me, pray do it, for God knows I gett nothing by it, but the contrary, tho I think the Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : have orderd it to be in my possession and that as I am as responsible for it as you, which if I am certainly those I pay it to ought to be accountable to me for its expence, which M^r^ : Fraser refuses to do often deneying me the Perusall of his Acc^ts^: which is the indispencible duty of my place to examine them and all others that the Company may not be wrong'd therein, for tis not y^e^ cursory or regardless reading your Acc^ts^ in Councill y^t^ can pass them, and discharge you, such a messelany of expences requires a sedate Perusall and consideration, besides as I noted before M^r^ Fraser has made and charged many expences without my order or knowledge, w^ch^: possibly there is no reason to allow of, and on the other hand refuses to pay what is necessary and due, as for instance last month and this, notwithstanding he overperswaded the Secretary to pay him out of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: Cash three thousand pag^s^ tho I orderd but two, and as it appears there was occasion but for 1500, yet for all this he delayd the paying the poor peons their wages till the 14^th^ of the month, tho their necessitys were so great, I could not rest for their importunityes, so that I was forc't to prevent the neglecting their watches or leaving the Comp^as^ service to order M^r^ Proby and M^r^ farmer to muster and pay them, and the same this month, he refuseing it, for noe other reason that I hear of, but that the roguish Chief Peon was displac't for his knavery and an honest carefull man put into y^e^ charge who manages that buisness dilligently well, if it can be proved otherwise, lett him be changed too, as also any other of the peons that are falce to their trust, those I turnd out being proved either negligent or fraudulent in their watch of the Land Customes, and

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yet Mr fraser requires 1500 Pags more tho h had near 1500 pags by him of the Compas money his designe for Such an overplus e money I cannot judge, but it looks badly, and is possitively against the Rt: Honb e: Compas: orders since Mr: John Grays mismanagemt of their money and running in debt to them in ye same place of Paymaster, however I only desired an Acct of his Cash and then should furnish him with money Sufficient to defray the months charge wch he also refused me, but what he means by it I know not, nor will he tell me, he also refuses to pay the Cheif Dubash and forreign translators wages, tho much less then formerly, sure meerly to obstruct the Honble Compas buisness, since there was never more occasion for them by the many Dutch and Portuguez letters I receive and dayly Vissitts and buisness with Moors Morattas and Jentues but this he has no consideration of, but willfully opposes all, which certainly he durst not doe wth: out your encouragement.

And as for the passing your Accts first for the Generall books I have not seen anything of them these many months, and when at our last meeting in Councill I enquired of Mr Wavell what forwardness they were in, he replyed, he cared not what became of them, Since he gott nothing by it, if this is reasonable or the way to carry on ye Rt Honble Compas buisness let the world Judge. Then Mr Cheneys Accts of Sales &a: ought to be well examined and for Mr Thomas Grays Accts of the Mint are very irregular, either for want of experience or care, there being no Acct: of the Essays or Alloy of the Silver here in our Mint, which should be done by our Essay Master, neither is there the Particular number of the Silver fanams coyn'd, but all hudled together in one amount, and only a Coppy of the Invoice for a mint Acct: and falls Some ounces Short of that too, nor did I order more than Ten ounces of Silver to the Essay Mastr to make an experiment about the fanams, all which must be rectifyed before I can pass or allow those Accts: and I am allwayes ready & willing to meet you in Councill to regulate and carry on your Accts: or any other occasion of the Companys provided it may be with peace and safety, and what you mention of ill Language is only to aggravate, all I have said and upon great provocation too, was, that some of you were ignorant and negligent in your buisness or to that purpose which I wish I wrong'd you in, but you take noe notice how often I have been bearded and affronted with huffing Language and actions which I am sorry and asham'd to mention, it being notoriously unsufferable, you also charge me with acting Singly, but give not one instance of it, nor am I conscious of any this being a time of little or noe buisness but Security and holding a fair correspondance with the surrounding Armyes Officers and Goverment which I have not been wanting in to good purpose, but for an Investment there's noe hopes of it in these parts to any consideration or at reasonable rates, and for the sale of the Compa: goods, expences, Receipts of the revenues &a: you have the trust and management of it amongst you, So pray what is there left for me to act Singly in, nay you almost usurp the Goverm: too, Sealing up mens houses and concerns and disposeing of their Estates &a: without adviseing with or takeing the least notice of metherein as if I were a Cypher or had no Shair in the Goverment, but by what Authority you act thus I know not, I am sure neither ye Charter nor Commission will warrant yo therein but there is greater matters then these, which I cannot but take notice of and that is, your bold and forcible opposeing and inpeeding ye Cource of Justice and due execution of the Kings Lawes both Civill and Criminall, for instance your defending the execution of Judgement upon Capt Heath for ye Jesuits money &a: also in hindring the execution of the Court Martiall Sentence upon ye condemned Pyrats, which are offences of too high a nature for me to decide or Judge of, therefore must be left to the Authority of my Superiors.

And I cannot but wonder at your last strange and dangerous expressions that you expect a Suddain Ruine to the place and the Honble: Compas Affaires, since I cant see or hear any reason for or the least fear of it, except yo designe it from yourselves, since otherwise the place was never in a more peaceable State then now, I am sure as to outward enemyes I haveing a fair correspondence with all our neighbouring forces and Goverments, I doubt not the Allmighty will Still

continue his blessing upon my care and Conduct, which in our greatest troubles and dangers preserved the place free from injury or mollestation, dureing the whole warr with the Mogull, w^{n} nothing but distruction was expected, and too heavily fell upon our other Settlements, we were also preserved from the threatned dangers of the Morattaes and late assault of the french, but if there are any inward private enimyes, I know not of they may be more dangerous, indeed I know not how to construe your threats it too much confirms me in Some reports I have had of your insinuating and makeing Partyes with the Officers and Souldiers of y^{e} Garrison but I hope God will divert you from any such horrid crimes as Rebellion, or the seeking my life and estate, which if you doe, beleive it, 'twill cost you deer, therefore, for God our Kings Countreyes our Hon^{ble} Masters and your own Sakes, desist from all Such wicked attempts which you will certainly fall in, remembring the sadd consequences of rebellion every where and particularly the former one here as also at Bombay and S^{t} Helena, but I hope you have better principles and designes, then to lett our personall disagreements runn into a Generall Ruine, avoyding that hellish conclusion of *Scelera Sceleribus Tuenda.*

Fort S^{t}. George y^{e} 9th Jan^{y} 1690/1.

Your Faithfull Freind to serve you

ELIHU YALE.

Generall from M^{r}: Daniel Gyfford at Conimeer of the 14th Instant, advise- 16
ing, of the French fleet Sailing out of Pullicherry road that morning as also another from Fort S^{t}: David confirming the same.

The following Paper was sent to y^{e} President by the Councill w^{ch}: was orderd to be registred.

To THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YAL^{E} ESQ^{R}:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}:

It is needless to answer every particular in the paper we received from your Hon^{r} the 12th Instant, it containing only accustomary reflections and aspersions for w^{ch} in time you will be ashamed, we are apt to think, the blackness of your cause will require stronger arguments then your pedantick Scrouls, to brighten it, when brought before impartiall Judges.

Wee can't honestly and therefore will not consent to the payment of the new peons, forceably entertained by you, to the prejudice of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and discouragement of their old and faithfull servants, those you have newly taken in, being either Vagabonds or known rogues, formerly turnd out y^{e} Comp^{as} Service, for consenting to cheat them of their Customes, wherefore we desire the old peons may be examined before Your Hon^{r} and us and if found guilty of what you alleadge, they shall not be only dischargd but receive punishment as their crimes deserve, for without disrespect to Your Hon^{r} or intrenchment upon your Authority, we aught as well as your Hon^{r} to be made Sencible, wherein any of y^{e} Comp^{as} Servants have wronged them, but for this and other our reasonable demands, you harbour that falce and distructive opinion that we do all things in opposition to your Hon^{r}, right or wrong.

Wee are not conscious of haveing been fraudulent or negligent in our employes, notwithstanding your weak pretences for w^{ch} a man of modesty would blush, therefore only hope and with patience & expectation waite for a time when your actions & services as well as ours may be throughly Inspected and impartially Judged and then its possible what you have done will not meet wth that applause and Commendation you attribute to your own merritts.

The opposeing impeeding and mise & execution of Justice, will be found where and in whom Your Hon^{r} has cause to wish it were not but this and many more offences too many to be here enumerated We referr to better Judgmen^{t}.

We doubt not but our designes do and will appear to all unprejudict persons, (what they really are) honest just and loyall, free from the least tincture of mutiny

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or rebellion, wthout opposeing the publick distroyers of y^{e} Comp^{as} interest, be tearm'd soe, you need not put us in mind of Bombay and S^{t} Helena, your Hon^{r} had shewn less rancour and more civillity had you left that out of your romance and kept it fresh in your own memory, it is you and not us, that has endeavour'd to ingratiate yourself with the officers and Soldiers at the Comp^{as} charge we have not banisht all fear of God, whose direction and assistance we heartily implore in all our honest endeavours, for the true and faithfull performance of our dutyes.

You might have more justly attributed y^{e} interpretation of your last words to yourself then us, which will be done by those that are Judges to both our actions.

Your Hon^{r} sayes we accuse y^{e} of many irregularitys and but mention none y^{e} may wish we were as unable as shall be sorry to do it, for which it is possible when we have an impartiall hearing, Your mighty condition (which you advise us cheifly to regaurd) will be found too mean to compensate, but this is not a fitting time to declare all, least your actions Should cast So great an odium upon you as to make you possibly more contemptable, then what you dayly publish to the world has done and so endanger the peace & safty of y^{e} place.

We conclude with our often and reitterated desires, that in complyance wth the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} order, Your Hon^{r} would Summons y^{e} Councill at least once a week, whereby it is possible most of your unjust Suggestions may be dissipated & for those Consultations you say ly unsigned being but two or three, we are ready to signe to what were agreed, when meet next in Counc^{ll} where the Comp^{s} have ordered Consultations to be sign'd and Sent about Six or 8 months after debated with many of your additions, or w^{t} agreed upon, alterd to distract all buisness, which has been your Hon^{rs} practice ever since you came to the Goverment, we respectfully remaine

Fort S^{t} George
16th Jan^{ry} 1690/1.

Your Hon^{rs} most humble servants
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^{M} FRASER
THO GRAY.

The following note was writt & sent to the Councill.

TO THE WORSP^{L} COUNCILL.

S^{rs}

The Governour promises a satisfactory answer to your late paper of the 6th Instant, as soon as he hath cizure for it in the meantime orders me to lett you have y^{e} perusall and examination of the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash when you please, which was never denyed you.

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Your humble servant
WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}

The following note was sent to the Councill.

Honrd S^{rs} :

The Secretary being absent the President by me proposes to You y^{e} reladeing the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Goods at Sadrasspatam upon Ship Recovery of Fort S^{t} David, haveing advice of the french fleet being Saild from Polecherry, also Cap^{t} Howells Ship to be freighted either for Porto Novo, S^{t} Davids this place or Bengall upon the best tearms, procureable towards the Ship's charge and disappointment.

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Y^{r} humble servant
RI : FARMER.

I agree but tis needfull they should be better pack't.

W. F.

An order to M^{r} Samuel Owen for the relading the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} goods at Sadraspatam aboard the Ship Recovery for S^{t} Davids.

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MR SAMLL OWEN.

Sr:

Wee being advised that the french fleet are Saild from Pollicherry, conclude there is no more danger of them, therefore We hereby order you to relade the Honble Compas goods pictt ashoar at Sadraspatam, upon Ship Recovery and that they be dispatch't to St. Davids and there deliverd according to Invoice and bill of Lading but first you must take care to gett them repact, since they are reported to be in a very bad condition, after which discharge your expences upon them and hasten your return to.

Fort St George
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Your affect Freinds
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLM FRASER.

The President wrote a letter to Minheer Wittmont Cheif of Sadraspatam returning him thanks for his care and Assistance in the houseing and Secureing the Rt Honble Campas Goods in their Factory, and likewise desireing the same in their reladeing.

Generall from Conimeer of the 15th Instant adviseing that the french fleet came to an Anchor about six leagues just over against their factory and Supposed they may designd to the Norward to lye in wait for our comeing in Ships from Bengal &a parts.

The following paper was sent by the President to the Councill and orderd to be registerd.

TO THE WORSPLL COUNCILL OF FORT ST GEORGE.

Tis guilt sure hath Silenc't you to the most materiall subjects of my last declarations and an unparralelld insolence enflamed you to new affronts and Scandalls, Since there was never So audacious a paper presented to a Presidt as yours, that instead of reasoning, foams out nothing but railings threats and abuses, sufficient to a man of less patience and consideration then myself to force him to exert his greatest Authority to Vindicate and Secure himself by suppressing your threatend vyolence which tho it plainly points at my life and estate yet I am neither frightned nor provok't by your noisy huffs, since I have been long resolved to Suffer, then the Honble Compas affaires should, So that your hectorings has no other Sound with me then the tale of a tubb, considering no better can be expected from such things, for to reason with you I see is to no purpose, therefore Shall attempt it noe more, but that you say, you have not banisht all fear of God, which I hope is true, yet I have too much reason to beleive that truth and civillity are not banisht, Since I cannot find anyone Paragraph of your libell that certaines the least of either they are a meer messelany of evasive, fictions and falcitys, if this be allowd, farewell all orders Goverment and buisness.

For after your unworthy preamble, yo first Say the peons were forceably entertaind by me to the Honble Compas prejudice, which is very falce, since I wholy discharged 52 of the idlest and worst peons to lessen the Honble Compas charge and those continued excepting 3; or 4. Rash boots who are esteemed the best Soldiers, have Served the Compa many years and were the same peons Mr fraser paid in October last, besides the town and Land customes are better watch't and Gaurded then formerly the buisness is you would have them and the Garrison under your dispose and Command the better to effect your ill designes, but this I neither ought nor dare allow of.

Next though you deny it, yet God your consciences know that most of you have wronged the Honble Compa and me your Governr.

Thirdly that you opposed Justice is apparent since it was not executed according to Sentence but in this Some of your hands condemns you.

Next tho you plaucibly aver yor designs to be just Loyall and honest, your dayly actions and expressions contradicts it, and that I have unduely ingratiated myself

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into y^{e} Officers and Soldiers at the Comp^{as} charge is as falce, Since you know I pay them nothing but have lately lessned their pay and allowances which can be no great obligation on them.

Fifthly you have had a misinterpretation of my last words or prevaricated them, they being duely directed to you.

Sixthly you say that my Estate is insufficient to make you Satisfaction, Supposeing my life must make it up wherein I think you are a little unreasonable, that my twenty years dilligent Service in India and tradeing above five hundred thousand pag^{s} Should be too poor a Crop for you, is hard, but I cannot help it haveing used all honest endeavours to doe better So pray be contented.

Your last Paragragh accuses me with altering the Sence of our results in Consultat̃ which is also falce as the secretary can testify as also that he has duly offerd them for your perusall and Signeing in Councill and in the office, which you have hitherto delayd or evaded for what reason I know not, since agreed without exception. For calling a Councill tho I doubt twill Signifye little more than Snarling, however I Signe the former Consultations and lett me know the buisness and I shall Summons you as often as there is occasion.

To conclude Gentlemen, notwithstanding your approbrious Callumnies and malecious endeavours to blast and ruine my reputation God and my conscience are wittness that I have served my Hon^{ble} Masters as dilligently and faithfully as any of my Predicessors & have done them as many signall advantagious Services and as much good to the place Inhabitants and revenues as any man living, nay I am Sure much more, which I doubt not will be duely acknowledgd by them and others less prejudic't and Wiser then yourselves, my actions have been just & honourable and too great foryour detraction, which cannot be justly contradicted by any nor sworne to be otherwise but by Knights of the Post and Villains, but beleive it the Lawes of England will give Satisfaction for defamations, they vallue mens creddits and reputations at another rate, So I shall receive nor answer any more of your abusive Papers since they more creat then accomodate differences, but if anything happens in the Comp^{as} buisness I shall duely propose it to your considerations in writting.

Your faithfull freind
to serve you
ELIHU YALE.

Fort S^{t} George,
the 20th Jan^{ry} 1690/1

20. Generall to Capt James Howell ordering he being now at Jaffnapattam, to make the best improvement he can of the shipps lost time by procureing a good freight either to Porto Novo S^{t}. Davids or this place, to help to bear the Shipps charges and be as frugall therein as possible this letter went, sign'd only by the President the Council refuseing it.

By a country Vessell arrived this Evening from Metchlepatam, came the Surrat Cossids with letters from Agent Harris &c^{a} Council, who complaind to the President, that just as they came ashoare the Severall letters they brought were taken from them, by the Council at the Seaside. Where upon the President sent the Secretary to demand the packett of them who refused to deliver it, without there be a Consultation called, for it, which answer was returnd the President whereupon He orderd the Secretary to write M^{r} Wavell the following note.

Worsp^{ll} S^{r}

His Hon^{r} bid me acquaint You, that the Seizing and detaining the Packett came from Surratt from him is an unwarrantable Act and never before practiced by any but as for calling a Consultation for it he cannot at present being much indisposed therefore if you please, You or M^{r} Cheney may come and be present at the opening of y^{e} Packett.

Your humble servant
Fort S^{t} George 20th Jan^{ry} 1690/1. WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}

The following answer was return'd.

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Mr Proby.

His Honr has often called Consultations at his own house when he has bin much more indisposed then he is at present & if he thinks fitt to doe it now we will come to him with the Packett, otherwise we will open it before the Chief of the Compas factors who shall be an Eye Wittness to our Actions and afterwards send it his honr.

Yr
THOMs WAVELL.

This evening recd a Generall from Fort St David of 17th Janry encloseing coppyes of their Consultations, acct of Pepper they recd from Shipp Dyamond and Coppy of Sounde Bollogee letter confirming our limitts of ground at Tegnapatam. 21.

Proposed to the Councill for the Sending one thousand pagodas to Fort St David Mr. Hassell &ca urgently desireing it, but was refused. 22.

The President wrote letters to the Honble Laurence Pitt Governour of Negapatam and Governour of Trincambar adviseing of the Europe newes lately received from Aleppo Via Surratt of the great Success to our Nation. Coppy whereof was sent them. 24.

Generall from Fort St David of the 20th Instant desireing a speed[y] supply of money and that there is noe possabillity of getting the Bencolen out of Porto Novo River without Empty Cask[s] to buoy her over, which they disire may be sent.

Generall to Fort St David ordering the reladeing the Pepper aboard the Dyamond for this place, and shall by the first oppertunity supply the Bencolen friggot wth empty Casks to gett her over the barr, ordering it to be done with all possible speed, also sending them a thousand pags for their occasions. 25.

The Council refused to signe the above said letter or give their reasons.

This day Mr. Richard Brown dyed. 27.

By Private advices from Vizagapatam we hear that Mr. Daniel DuBois has embroyled himself by rescueing two Dutchmen yt would turne Moors, and Since they are absconded or run away with three English men more but supposed to be conceald by the Goverment whereupon Mr. Charles fleetwood was confind at Chickacull as also the rest of the English that are there, are not permitted to goe out of the town, Mr. Dubois would fain make his escape if he could conveniently, and that all the Compas concerns are stop't & the Goverment demands 30000 Rups to end ys difference.

Letter from Conimeer of the 3d Instant, adviseing that the French Directore had sent his Lady &ca to Sir Thoma with their treasure by reason of ye dutchs report of comeing against them by sea and Land. 5

Generall from Fort St David of the 3th Instant accompanying one from the Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Negapatam to the President acknowledgeing the reception of the Thousand pagodas sent them by boat, and advises that Gopul Pandit came near our confines with about 500 horse and foot, and took down one of their flaggs, which being a great affront, they will endeavour to gett satisfaction for ye same. 6

Letter from Capt Thomas Walthrope adviseing that the Rt Honble Compas ship Bencolen is gott safe over the Barr. 10

Letter to Mr Daniel Gyfford at Conimere ordering to gett their gunns Stores &ca ready to transport to Fort St David and retrench the charge of that Factory as low as possiby, The Chinam and fyrewood to be laden on the Bencolen and Dyamond for this place.

Generall to Fort St David, ordering now the shipp Bencolen being safe over the Barr to send her hither with a Ladeing of paddy drawing Bills upon us for what money they shall take up, which they have oppertunity for, Grain being very Scarce and dear and our Stores much exhausted here.

The President and Councill wrote a Letter to the Heer Lawrence Pitt and Councill of Negapatam, adviseing they have thus long forbore acquainting of the unfreindly carriage and neighbourhood of their Cheif and Councill at Tegnapatam, in hopes they would have accomodated their differences to an amicable right

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understanding among themselves, but on the contrary they encrease their Affronts and injuries almost to a breach of a firm peace between the two Nations, by their Coming up to our guards and Centinalls in an hostile manner with numbers of their Soldiers in Arms, beating of drums and Coulours flying within the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Territoryes, Jurisdictions & watches as also their calling their forces from Porto Novo to strengthen them, which we thought convenient to give them timely notice of to prevent the mischeifs may happen there, by their unjust pretences and oppositions of their people sending them the true Acc^t^ and relation of their proceedings, as wee rec^d^ from our Dep^t^ Governour of S^t^ Davids for their perusall and considerations; in order to the regulating and accomodating of differences.

13 Ship Ruby whereof Henry Laurence arrived this morning from Bengall w^th^ a Generall from the Agent and Councill there of the 12^th^ Jan^ry^ last adviseing they could by no means prevaile w^th^ y^e^ Command^r^ of the Princess &c^a^ to returne hither by reason of the lateness of the season, sending us a certificate thereof from under their hand Viz.

Jan^ry^ 10^th^ $169\frac{0}{1}$.

These are to certifye all whom it may concern that the subscribers haveing held a Consultation and taken into consideration y^e^ great inconveniency y^t^ may attend both to our Ship and Ships Company by goeing to the fort of S^t^ George, after y^e^ expiration of the limitted time agreed upon in Charterparty and the season of the year growing late that if we goe to the fort, there can be no probabillity of Saveing our passage but come home a Winter Ship, by which many danger doe frequently attend, these things considered, it is agreed not to goe to the Fort, but to make the best of our way for England This is the resolution of us.

JOHN MORRICE.
GEO. PENNUCE.
JOS. HARBERT.
W^M^ DALTON.
DAN. MOLINE.
RIC. BURRAGE.
JOS. NORTH.
JN^O^ : FRANKLYNE.

True Coppy of y^e^ Originall.
JONATHAN WHITE.
JN^O^ : ANTH^O^ : TESHMAKER.

16 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE President & Governour
M^R^ THO WAVELL M^R^ JOHN CHENEY
M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER M^R^ [*blank*]

The Councill being duely summond M^r^ Thom^s^ Gray absent.

The Presidt^s^ Cash read. The President read the Acc^ts^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash for the months of November, December and January the ballance being Pag^s^ 1,27,894 : 02 : ½.

Mr Cheneys acc^ts^ read. M^r^ John Cheneys Warehouse Acc^ts^ for the months of October, Novemb^r^ and Decemb^r^ were read and past. Errors excepted, and paid into the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash for goods sold Pag^s^ Tenn thousand whereof was repaid him Pag^s^ Five thousand to buy rupees for Bengall at 348 ℔ 100 P and not under.

Pd 10000 Pag^s^ Pag^s^ 5000 repaid. M^r^ Frasers acc^ts^ read. M^r^ W^m^ Fraser Paymaster read his Acc^t^ Curr^ts^ for the months of October, November and December and he is orderd to entertaine all the European Soldiers, he can possibly to supply Bombay and S^t^ Davids, and to pay Doctor Harts bill of expences for Physick bought and made for the seven months past.

European soldiers to be entertained Doct Harts bill to be pd. Pa. 2000 to be sent to S^t^ David. Orderd that Pag^s^ 2000 be sent to Fort S^t^ David overland or by sea for charges of Garrison Conimeer and Shipping &c^a^ with them.

Customes at S^t^ David debated. The Customes of Fort S^t^ David was debated but referrd to further considerations, M^r^ Hatsell &c^a^ writeing us, 'twould be a great encouragement and encrease to the place to lower the great Custome for some time.

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The Cowle from the Suba Zull Fackeer Cawne, Generall of the Mogulls Army at Chingee, the President read to the Councill, and twas recommended to them to be still private therein, least the divulging it prove of Ill consequence to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} affaires in the Chingee Country. Genlls Cowle read. to be kept private.

Orderd that M^{r} James Johnson be sent to Fort S^{t} David to inspect the mint there, and give us an Acc^{t} thereof, but before he goes, that he and the Mint Bramenees do make an Assay of the Gold lately brought from China. Mr Johnson to go to S^{t} Davids.

M^{r} Thomas Wavell paid into the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash Pag^{s} one thousand and eighty eight on Acc^{t} of the Quitt rents &c^{a} revenues. Mr Wavell pd 1088.

The Kempthorne being designed directly from Bengall to Surrat, we have now noe oppertunity to Supply them with money, according to our promise, it being also too late in the season to send now from hence, besides Tis contrary to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} orders to adventure any money on Countrey Vessells, It is therefore agreed and orderd, that we doe write to them to have bills of Exchange drawn upon us to the amount of about 150000 or 200000 Rupees, and we shall comply therewith on the Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acc^{t} our Cash being this day Pag^{s} 132000. cannot now supply Surrat with money. they to draw bills upon us.

Orderd that the Bencolen and Dyamond doe come hither from S^{t} Davids with y^{e} pepper &c^{a}, and after to lade them with Tootenague and what Stock of rupees, we can possibly procure for Bengall, and carry to the amount of 20 or 25000 Pag^{s} to make an Investment at Vizagapatam in case they are free from troubles there, otherwise to carry it for Bengall, the Dyamond to remain there for their Service, and the Maddapollam to be laden thence with Stores and Provisions for Sumatra, and the Bencolen to returne hither in September next with Provisions and Saltpetre afterwards to proceed to Surrat with a lading of China sugars and Tootenague as formerly orderd the season being now too late for it. Bencolen and Dyamd to return hither. with Provision &c^{a}

M^{r} Daniel Duboise &^{a} drawing bills upon us on the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Acc^{t} for Pag^{s} 575:00: payabl to M^{r} Thomas Gray and Cap^{t} James Bett It is orderd that it be paid them accordingly. Mr Dubois's &a bills to be paid.

It being a charge to send down people to repaire and look after the R^{t}. Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Factorys & concerns at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam, there being complaints of the Bramenees for the present Tis orderd that M^{r} Francis Brough an English Inhabitant in those parts do take care of them, and that fifty Pag^{s} be sent him for expences thereon, and that he be allowed Sergeants pay for his service therein. Mr Brough to look after Metchlepa Factorys.

There being great want of Copper Cash in town, the Warehousekeeper is orderd to deliver out two candy of Copper to the Mint to be coyn'd into Cash. 2 Cany Copper to be deld for cash.

There being some particular persons goods come from Fort St. David, the searcher M^{r} Holcomb desired to have the Councills opinion and order, whether the goods shall pay Custome, haveing it there before paid, which upon perusall of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} letters, we find tis their orders to the contrary, and that no Merchandize shall pay more then once custome. The Customer is orderd to pass all such goods freely that come from any of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's fortifyed settlement in India, Provided they produce a certificate from under the hands of the customer, that said goods have paid custome at the port they come from. Goods to pay but once customer.

M^{r} John Pitt Provisionall storekeeper his Acc^{ts} for the months of October, November and December were read and past Errors excepted, and orderd that Pag^{s} 300 be paid him for his disbursm^{ts} aud provision of Stores. Storekeepr accts read

Orderd that 40 soldiers be sent to St. David on Sloop Chuttanuttee 20 English and 20 Portuguese and to entertaine as many European Soldiers as possibly with the Governours approbation. 40 Soldiers for S^{t} David.

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I except y^{e} Presid^{ts} acco^{t} of Cash being short of its ballance one thousand pag^{s} and upwards.

THO: WAVELL.

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I dissaprove of y^e^ Gov^rs^ paying & enterteining Peone & Dubash. JN^o^ : CHENEY.

I disprove the Gover^rs^ paying the Madapoll Bramine wages for acc^o^ of the R^t^. H : C : he having ruin'd that ffactory by carrying out of it severall Timbers in frames the paving stones &c of all w^ch^ the President was told of long time agoe I disprove likewise the Presidents acc^o^ of Cash for the reason above mentioned. WILL : FRASER.

W^M^: PROBY, Secy.

The Councill offerd the Coart of Aldermens desires that the Judgment of their Coart might be absolute and fineall in all causes whatever some of the members being unwilling otherwise te sett or act there, to which the President told them that if any of their members were dissatisfyed with the constitution of y^e^ Charter & Corporation they might ease themselves of the trouble for 5 Pag^s^ and others more agreable elected in their roomes, but to give a greater power to the Coart then the Charter did, were to alter the Charter, w^ch^ would be presumption of dangerous consequence, since perused and approved by his Majesty in his Cabbinett Councill and confirm'd by our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company, under their hands and large Seale, which could be altered only by their own Authority, we haveing none for it, either jointly or Seperately, We may as well alter their Commission to us all the power the President and Councill have therein is to explain any thing that is doubtfull or offer a supplementall Charter to their Hon^rs^ but to vary its express Sence, and prescription is beyond our Authority, therefore by noe means to be admitted of, or proposed, the President also told them, if they would lett him peruse the Charter or give him its Coppy, he would give the Coart his fuller opinion in writeing, the substance of the answer was also sent to the Coart by the Register M^r^ Tredcroft.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM ZULLPHEKEER CAUN BAHADAR TO THE HON^BLE^ ELIHU YALE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR rec^d^ the 18^th^ December 1690.

To Elihu Yale President and Governour for the English at Chinapatam, the letter you writt me I received and understood the contents thereof, according to your [petition ?] about the severall Factoryes I have given such a writeing in confirmation, now you may assuredly depend on my favours, and shew yourself vigorous in the service of the King, and delay not but provide with the uttmost expedition, Powder and other materialls, I shall write your services to the King and Petition his Phyrmaund in the confirmation of the Writeing I have given You.

TRANSLATE OF THE COWLE OR PHYRWANNA OF NABOB ZULLPHAKEER CAWN BAHADAR SENT THE HON^BLE^ ELIHU YALE PRESIDENT AND GOVER^r^ received the 18 December 1690.

Whereas in the time of the late shameless and faithless Rebellion the President of the English Elihu Yale Govern^r^ and Cap^t^ of Chinapatnam protected and assisted Mamood Allee and other servants of the Mogull, and supplyed me with Powder w^th^ other services in consideration, whereof I made and given this my Cowle or grant, That the rent of the Fort and Factory of Chinnapatnam with accustomary Priveledges, the English Factorys of Metchlepatam, Maddapollam Vizagapatam &^a^ within the Territorys of Darullichand alias the Golcandah Countrey, also their Settlements and Factorys of Dewnapatnam, Esslamabaud alias Cuddaloor, Mamood Bundar, alias Port Novo, Trimlevassill &^a^ Factorys within the Territoryes of Chingee, according to the former Custome and the usuall Practice of the English, let it remaine undisturb'd in Sallabad.

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The Councill objecting against the Presidents [*blank*] Acc^{t} Cash and that it is short of its ballance above a thousand Pag^{s} whereupon the Presidents orderd the examination thereof and give in their report, which is enter'd as followes vz.

Wee the Subscribers being orderd by the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale President to examine the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Cash, which we accordingly did and doe hereby attest that upon examination thereof Wee find the amount in Cash chest to be Pagodas one hundred twenty nine thousand three hundred thirty seaven. Wittness our hands this 24th day of February anno 169$\frac{0}{1}$.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.
SAMUEL OWEN.
RI : FARMER.
MATHEW MILDMAY.

This evening arrived shipp Jerusalem from Tanassaree with a Ladeing of Ellephants. 16.

Generall from Fort S^{t} David of the 12th Instant adviseing that the Dutch their neighbours begin to grow troublesome to them, by their unreasonable attempts, as appears by their accompanyed Papers past betwixt them and the Dutch, and in all probability worser designes in hand by their withdrawing their forces from their other factorys thither, and in daly expectations of greater supplyes thereof from Negapatam, giveing out that they intend to turne their Factory into a Fort, but by what authority It is further to be disputed, and make them sencible of their unjust Pretence thereto.

Letter from M^{r} Daniel Gyfford at Conimere of y^{e} 13th Instant, adviseing of his getting the Gunns &^{a} Stores ready to put aboard the Bencolen when she arrives there for Fort S^{t} David according to order. 17.

Generall to Laurence Pitt Governour of Negapatam &^{a} of this date, acquainting them the illegall proceedings of his people at Tegnapatam desireing they would order, them to be more civill and just to our people, their neighbours, and not encroach upon our priveledges and rights there, which we thought to give them timely notice of to prevent the mischeifs that may happen thereby sending them the true relation thereof as we rec^{d} from our Dep^{ty} Governour &^{a} of Fort S^{t}. Davids all which are duly enterd in the letter books.

Generall to the Dep^{y} Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t} Davids, commending their discreet & prudent management of that Affair with the Dutch, Sending them 2000 Pag^{s} : and 40 Soldiers to maintaine and defend the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys rights against all opposers, withall adviseing and cautioning them not to make every little heat or mistake a subject for difference so we gett our due sending them Coppy of the letter to Governour Pitt for their ꝑusall, ordering the withdrawing the Conimere Factory and remaines & dispatching the Dyamond, with her Ladeing, filling her up wth Paddy and firewood, and so for all other vessells of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} they send to us, as also to gett in the Porto Novo Merchants remains of their Contracts and debt to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} and to use all possible endeavours for an Investment in Coarse goods this year, hearing goods to be plentifull and cheap in those parts, y^{t} their service may somewhat compensate their charge. 19. [*sic*]

Paid M^{r} John Pitt Pro^{y} : Storekeeper Pagodas three hundred, he requesting the same for the provision of Stores and other disbursments. 19.

Paid M^{r} W^{m} Fraser Paymaster Pag^{s} three hundred to defray the Garrison charges.

Generall from Agent Harris and Councill at Surrat of the 29th December, adviseing of their dispatching three shipps, the Josia, Shrewsberry and Royall James and Mary for England.

This morning arrived Ship Boa Vista, Don Theordore [*sic*] Command^{r} from Manilla, with a small Narrative from M^{r} Samuel Blackmore of his misfortunes at Syam and Mallacca in the foll manner, They haveing a considerable quantity of goods by them at Tonqueen and no probabillity of remitting them home for Europe, did adventure sending them to Syam, where they hope't to have found a Peaceable 20.

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settlement, and a good markett for their goods, and accordingly upon their arrivall found to answer their expectations by many demonstrances of kindness and civillity to them and invitation for our free Tradeing there, which continued for some small time, but soon relap't demanding satisfaction for a late loss they susteind by an English Pyrat, alledging because he was an Englishman, must be answerable for the goods others had taken away, offering if he would lay down to the Vallue of 2000 Doll might have the Embargoe taken off that was layd on his Vessell & goods, which otherwise it could not be expected they should; From Syam he attempted for Tonqueen but the lateness of the season would not permitt him but forc't to Pullocondore, whence he proceeded for Mallacca, where he petitiond the Goverment leave for the bringing his goods ashoare, which before could be granted haveing layne in the road considerable time, and fearing their further dammage, they sent ashoare unknown to him 60 Cattee of Musk & 950 p^{s} Silks, which were Seizd on by the Goverment, condemning them for being brought ashoar without order and contrary to their knowledge, notwithstanding he alledgd his Ignorance of the act, the folly and Errour of his men in doing it without his knowledge or order, but nothing will serve their turns but confiscations and so the detain them from him, to the great loss and affront to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

22. This Evening arrived Ship Retreive from Pegue belonging unto M^{r} John Gray deceased.

23. Sloop Chuttanuttee belonging to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company Sett Saile this morning for S^{t}: Davids.

27. This Evening arrived the Dyamond friggot from Fort S^{t} David wth a Ladeing of Pepper she brought from the West Coast, as also the Recovery from Trincambar with a Ladeing of Paddy.

28. This morning a Danes Ship from Trincambar with a Ladeing of Paddy.

MARCH 2. The President sent an order to M^{r} John Cheny Warehousekeeper to unlade the Dyamond frigot of her pepper Ladeing and Lead and Supply her in its stead Tutenague to Ballance her for Bengall.

Paid M^{r} William Fraser Paymaster one thousand Pag^{s} to defray the Garrison Charges.

Sent to Metchlepatam and Maddapallam fifty Pagodas for repaires of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: factory and pay servants wages.

The President wrote severall letters to the severall Governours of Metchlepatam, Maddapallam, Ellore and Pettipollee, giveing them to understand of the Mogulls reconciliation to us and all differences agreed and accommodated, and our Settlements and trade at Surrat Bengall and all those parts, to be duly restored according to Sallabad, and our buisness free and Currant, Permitting all our Vessells and goods to be Custome free as formerly in the late Kings time, which is granted as appears by the Kings Phyrmaund and the great Suba Zullfackeer Cawns Cowle Coppyes whereof send them for their perusall and observation.

4. Generall from the Dep^{y} Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t} David of the 27: Feb^{y}: wth Coppy of their Consultations, Paymaster, & Stewards Acc^{t} Curr^{ts} and Acc^{t} Cash and Acc^{t} of the Sea Customes, adviseing of their continued disputes with their neighbours the Dutch.

4. Generall to M^{r} Daniel Dubois &^{a}: at Vizagapatã sending the Nabobs order to the new Seer lascar for the clearing of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: concernes and resettlement of their factory and trade there.

4. Generall to the Agent and Councell in Bengall adviseing we are much disappointed in our returnes and advices for England and Supplyes for Surrat by their not sending the Princess and Kempthorne hither, but hope they have otherwise carefully provided for their Ladeing to prevent all delayes and damage thereon, and that the Sloop Chuttanuttee and Dyamond friggot will shortly be dispatch't to them wth: Tutenague &^{a}: for their dispose, with other advices.

6. Generall from Fort S^{t}: David of the 2^{d}: Ins^{t}: adviseing that them at Conimeer had laden on the Bencolen, all the Gunns, Ammunition and stores, as also the Sloop

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Chuttanuttee touching there for water and were ready to saile thence also desireing an order for the removall of the timbers for their use.

Paid Mr John Pitt Storekeepr Pagodas three hundred for provision of Stores.

Paid Mr William Fraser Paymaster six hundred Pagodas for the defraying the Garrison charges.

The President wrote a letter to Nabob Allee Marde Cawn, excuseing the supplying him with money at present; but as soon as the Towne rent is due shall justly pay what remaines thereon having paid a great part thereof to Nabob Zull Phaker Cawn in powder and shott &a: with other usuall complements.

Nabob Phettulacawn, comeing yesterday to St: Thoma with about 1000 horses 8.
and foot accompanyd with Nabob Alle Asker Cawn, in quest of the Morattaes, he wrote a very kind letter to the Governour to acquaint him of his arrivall, and desire permission for his people to come hither to buy what they had occasion for, desireing to commence a freindly correspondence with him Nabob Alle Asker Cawn also adviseing him to be a great Generall and favourite of the Mogulls and therefore the Governour would do well to send some person to wellcome and complement him with a kind letter and small present, which accordingly was sent him, in rosewater Sweetmeats &a.

Another Letter from said Phettelacawn to the President, kindly resenting the letter and present recd from him with the Hearty assurance of his freindship and Assistance on all occasions.

Letter from Nabob Alle Asker Cawn to the President desireing that the Town rent money may be sent, haveing procured Nabob Allemeden Cawn's receipt in order thereto.

The President & Councill's order for the paymt of the Town rent money.

Our worthy kind freind Nabob Allemerde Cawn that has now twice cleard our MARCH 9TH
troubles at Gingerlee and done the Rt Honble Compa severall other kindnesses in the Camp, and with the great Suba Zull Phakeer Cawn, he being now confirm'd by the King Nabob & receiver of the rents and revenues of this Countrey, but at present in great want of money, hath by Severall letters to the President importunately desired ye loane of five thousand Pagodas at interest for his Urgent occasions as also the payment of the town rent money due in June next, His first desire being hazzardous and not in our power to accomodate him with, but we may not wholy disoblige his freindship Tis agreed we pay him the remainder of the rent money which is about Seaven hundred Pagodas deducting the powder and Shott Spared Zull Phakeer Cawn, whereby we shall secure that debt & oblige him with the small kindness of about two months advance, wn we cannot avoyd paying it and possibly not without dispute too.

ELIHU YALE.
THOMs WAVELL.
WILLM FRASER.

The Govrs proposall is not to be disaprov'd deducting for powdr & Shott & paying town rent money. } THO: GRAY.

WM PROBY Secy.

The President wrote a letter to Phettulacawn Cheif Commander of Mogulls forces as Pullamolee, granting him and his people the liberty of comeing and buying anything this Town affords to the preservation of their freindship and good correspondence for the future.

Pass to Ship Jerusalem belonging to Senr Joseph de Mariara Armenian 10.
Merchant & Inhabitant of this place, bound for Pegue.

The President wrote a letter to Nabob Allee Merda Cawn, adviseing that he 11.
has according to his orders Pd what due on Acct of the Town rent to Merza Sheriff, amounting to Pags Seven hundred and fifteen Pags haveing before supplyd Nabob Zull Phakeer Cawn wth powder & Shott to ye Vallue of Pags 485: which is the full amount of the rent money due in June next, giveing him the assurance of his freindship & Services on all occasions.

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Generall from Fort S^{t} David of the 7th Ins^{t} adviseing of the arrivall of the Bencolen from Conimere wth all the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} concerns excepting a good quantity of Paddy & charcoale which they designe to lade for this place, as also the receipt of the two thousand Pagodas and Comp^{a} of Soldiers sent them by Sloop Chuttanuttee sending us also the Protest the Dutch Cheif &c^{a} at Tegnapatam delivered them, for imprisoning and detaining severall of the boatmen belonging to our Goverm^{t} there, because they acted contrary the Dep^{y} Govern^{rs} orders, to the end it hindred them in the unladeing of a Sloop of theirs, the Protest being in Dutch they could not return an answer thereto or give us a relation thereof, they sent it hither for its Translation and the President and Councills orders concerning it.

11. Rec^{d} a letter from Hassan quollee Cawn Phousdar of the Dyamond Mines to the President giving great encouragement for a Settlement and trade in those parts, and to Grant us a Mint which he will petition his Majesty for. Assureing his freindship and assistance therein.

12. Generall to Fort S^{t} David, giveing orders for the removall of those timbers they desired wth all other goods & Stores from Conimere. Reserving only a Cott and furniture for one room to accomodate our people on their Journey As also to retrench their expences in dyett and liquors &^{a}. proposeing to bring them to dyett money as formerly in other factorys.

13. Ship Recovere Cap^{t} Peter Bromden Com^{dr} Sett saile this Evening for Pegue.

14. Sloop S^{ta} Thoma Saild for Bengall.

Ship Jerusalem, Saild this morning for Pegue.

17. Rec^{d} of M^{r} Mathew Mildmay on Acc^{t} of the Land Customes Pagodas eight hundred & ninety.

19. Sloop Francis belonging to Robert Masfen arrived this day from Atchein.

20. This morning arrived a sloop belonging to the Dutch at Negapatam with a Ladeing of Paddy.

22. Generall from Fort S^{t} David.

23. Brigganteen George belonging to George Herron arrived from Atchein.

24. Sloop Chuttanuttee belonging to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company arrived this morning from Fort S^{t} David with a Generall from thence.

Pass granted to Ship Ruby belonging to M^{r} Richard Trenchfield.

26. Pass given to Shipp S^{ta} Rosa belonging to Sen^{r} Augustine Hart bound for Pegue

This morning arrived a sloop belonging to y^{e} Danes with a ladeing of Paddy from Trincambar.

Pass given to Shipp Charles belonging unto Robert Masfen, whereof Caleb Tracy is Commander.

27. This morning arrived a Sloop from Fort S^{t} David with a ladeing of paddy.

The President sent the following Note to the Mayors Coart and orderd to be registerd.—

To the Worsp^{l} the Mayor and Aldermen.

The R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company, Lords Proprietors of this Place, expecting by their constituting a Corporation, an advantage and benefitt both to themselves and the place, as also the erecting a Town Hall, School house, Hospitall walling the Citty &^{a}. none whereof are yet done or anything towards it, or designd that I know of, I therefore in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys name and for their Acc^{ts} require you to restore their revenues of measuring and weighing &^{a} dutys to them as formerly as also what you have received on those Accounts, since if they are not benefitted there is no reason they should be loosers by the Corporation dated in ffort S^{t} George this 27 : day of March 1691.

ELIHU YALE.

The following answer was sent to the President which is orderd to be registerd.

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Hon^{ble} S^{r}:

Yesterday being Coart day the Register presented a paper to the Coart from Your Hon^{r} dated the 27th Ultm^{o} wherein you are pleased in the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's name to recall the measuring duty, weighing duty and Bansoll Toll, which in the month of August 89. for severall reasons was given and appropriated to the use and behoofe of the Corporation by your Hon^{r} and Councill, therefore they are of opinion, that your recalling the aforesaid dutyes by your Particular order without the knowledge and consent of the Councill by whom it was jointly Settled on them as ℔ Consultation will appear cannot any wayes divest them of their right to the aforesaid Duties, unless the same power of President and Councill, w^{ch} gave it shall think convenient to recall it again for we find by the Charter this Coart is not any wayes controulable by any President or Govern^{r} alone without the Councill or at least three of them which is the needfull from APRIL 1.

THO: WAVELL MAY^{R}

Shipp Ruby belonging to M^{r} Rich^{d} Trenchfield Sett Saile for Atchein Mallacca and Borneo.

Generall from Fort S^{t} David accompanying letters from the Dutch Commissary Generall and the Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Negapatam to the President which are enterd in the registers.

The following Paper was presented to the Hon^{ble} President and Councill by the Millatary Officers of this Garrison w^{ch} was orderd to be registerd.*

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 13

Present

ELIHU YALE President & Govern^{r}
M^{R} THOMAS WAVELL M^{R} JOHN CHENEY
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER M^{R} THO: GRAY.

The Presidents Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys Cash for the month of February and March the ballance resting in Cash Chest being P^{a} 126952: 15: 0.

M^{r} John Cheney Warehousekeeper Acc^{tts} for the months of Jan^{y} and February were read and past Errors excepted and paid into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companyes Cash for goods sold by him P: 11086: 18:

M^{r} William Fraser Paymasters Acc^{ts} for the months of Jan^{ry} and Feb^{ry} were Read and past Errors excepted.

M^{r} Thomas Gray's Sea Custom^{r} acc^{tts} for the months of October November December Jan^{ry} and February were read and past errors excepted and paid into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companies Cash Pag^{s} 2910: 32: 62: on Acc^{t} Customes and Pag^{s} 1740: on Mint Acc^{t} as also Pag^{s} 61: received of M^{r} Dan: Duboise on Acc^{t} rent and revenues paid him for the building a new Paddy Banksoll, the other being too Small for that buisness.

M^{r} Matthew Mildmay Provis^{l} Customer read his Acc^{ts} for the month of February and paid into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's Cash Pag^{s} 400: Errors excepted.

M^{r} John Pitt Provisionall Storekeeper read his Acc^{ts} for the month of Jan^{ry} & February which were read and past Errors excepted.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to procure as much Silver as he can for Bengall to be sent ℔ Ship Dyamond at the best rates he can, drawing bills upon the President for Payment.

Ship Bencolen being returnd from Porto Novo new and well fitted, and formerly designd for Bengall but in consideration of their late advice that they have more Shipps there then they have occasion for or can employ, complaining of the great charge they are at on them, and we haveing received late advices from M^{r} Blackmore at Mallacca that the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company have great quantity of goods at Tonqueen lying in their goedownes in danger of Fyre robbery or

* The rest of page 60 and the following two pages of the original manuscript volume are left blank. The next consultation begins on page 63 of the manuscript volume.

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dammage, desireing a ship may be sent for them Tis therefore agreed and orderd that She proceed thither for that purpose, and there being noe occasion of Sending any Stock upon her of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company's, the Warehousekeep^{r} is therefore orderd to publish her Voyage, and gett what freight he can for her thither either in Gruff goods bale or bullion upon the following tearms viz.

Freight thither viz.

Beettlenutts 30 ℔ Cent.
Saltpeter and Brimstone 25 ℔ Cent.

Returnes.

Gold and Musk : 8 ℔ C^{t} :
Raw and wrought Silk : 12 ℔ C^{t} :
Lackard ware
Coars China or purslan
} 25 ℔ C^{t} :

The same for all other Gruff goods but if noe considerable freight is procureable then to Saile hence for Bencolen, and there to take in a Ladeing of Pepper and proceed to Tonqueen, according to the Hon^{ble} Companys orders in that case, and that all things be hastned for her dispatch by the 30th Instant.

The Custome house oath upon Masters for the manifest of their Ladeings, creats so great trouble, dispute and dissatisfaction, particularly from Moores and Gentues who are averst to & forbidden swearing, and it being of no great importance, each makeing Entryes or forfeiture of their goods, the Customer is therefore orderd to desist pressing the said Oaths from any of y^{m} but that he be strict in the Collection of y^{e} Customs and watch that all goods be duly enterd both as to importing exporting and traversing.

M^{r} Dan^{ll} Dubois &^{a} at Vizagapatam adviseing that they had made a contract with their Merchants for an Investment to the am^{t} of near 30000 Pag^{s} in Longcloth Sallampores Ordinary and Stript Bettelaes according to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companyes orders, desireing to be Supplyed with 10000 Pag^{s}, but we haveing no oppertunity of Investing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys Stock by us, Tis agreed and orderd that 20000 Pag^{s} be sent them on Shipp Dyamond, as also 50 candy of Totenague upon Sloop Chuttanuttee, it bearing a good price there, and what assistance we can spare y^{m}.

M^{r} James Johnson the Essaymaster continuing his Negligent idle life, and being little or noe wayes Serviceable in the Mint, Tis orderd he be dismist the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companyes Service and that what due to him to this time for sallary and dyett money be paid him by the Paymaster after his delivery the Mint Stores to the Mintmast^{r}.

M^{r} Walsh a young man lately returnd from his permitted Voyage to Atchein haveing a ℔cell of Tynn sent ashoar by mistake without his order or knowledge designing it for another port petitiond that he may return it aboard againe custome free, but to prevent such pretences for the future, Tis orderd that he pay ½ Custome for the same, provided he relade it on the same Vessell.

Half years Sallary being due to the Hon^{ble} Companyes Servants the 25th of March last the Accomptant is orderd to draw its acc^{t} to be paid accordingly and that M^{r} Mountague be righted in what short paid him in the last acc^{t}.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 2000 be sent to Fort S^{t}. Davids overland.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to unlade the Bencolen from Fort S^{t} David and the Briggantеen from Vizagapatam and carefully to house the pepper and Paddy.

The President haveing notice of many English fugitives at least 100 Scatterd about the Countrey and haveing used all possible means to recall them by threats and perswasions, but not being able to prevaile, they being fearfull of Justice, therefore to recover them as also to prevent their apostateing from the Christian to the Moors religion, Tis orderd that a Generall pardon be disperst to Severall parts of the Countrey, which wee hope will be an effectuall means for their returne when we may devide them to our Severall fortifyed Settlements, especially to Bombay where they are in great want of Europeans.

Orderd that Pag^{s} 10000 be paid M^{r} Fraser to defray the Garrison Charges.

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Doctor Brown delivering some Bills, for what he has layd out on Phisick and for the sick in the Hospital, Mr Fraser is orderd to examine and discharge the same.

Orderd that Pags 1436 : 28 : be paid for 5000 rupees bought by Mr John Cheney at 347 ℔ 100 Pa :

Mr Wm fraser and Mr Mackrith being appointed by the Coart Trustees to the Estate of Mr John Gray deceased the President demanded of said Mr Fraser to pay in the ballance of sd Grays acct with the Rt Honble Compa being Pags [*blank*] as also his debt to Sr Josiah Child Pags [*blank*].

Orderd that 500 Pags be paid Mr Pitt Storekeeper for impress &a to the Bencolen for Tonqueen.

ELIHU YALE.

I Except ye ballance of ye Honble Compas Cash. THO : WAWELL.

The Govr paying or Peoons dissallowed off & sending money to Vizagapatam wthout a Cheife Mr Wheeler offring and desireing that Employ. } JNO : CHENEY.

In the Sense & meaning of the above & under writen Exceptions I signe this. } WILL : FRASER.

The Compas Cash was read but not past. THO : GRAY.

WM PROBY Secry.

This evening arrived the Loyall Capt from Goa. 20.

Recd a Generall from Mr Daniel Dubois &a at Vizagapatam dated the 28th March last.

Pass to Brigganteen George belonging to Capt George Herron bound for Bengall. 21.

Generall from Fort St David of the 22th Instant. 26.

This evening arrived Ketch Ann from the Coast of Gingerlee wth a Generall from Mr DuBoise &a at Vizagapatam and another from Capt Jno Morris Commander of the Princess of Denmark, whom she mett within abt 14 degrees Lattitude bound for England from whom we received the following Acct of his Ladeing and occasion of his comeing away from Bengall She had aboard but 4453 baggs of Saltpeter Wax in baggs 139 : Bales and chest 650, which has not half filld her, her Complyment of men was 80 Europeans and 30 Laskars and the Season of the year being spent and dubious of Saveing their passage home if they toucht here declared their disapprovall thereof to the Agent &a: in Bengall resolving directly home.

Generall from Fort St David of the 25th Inst wth : advices of the Mogulls forces in Chengie to be considerably Supply'd wth : men and provisions in So much the Natives of those parts are very apprehensive that Mogulls power being So great Chinge will not be able to withstand them, and the Dutch Seeming to have great hopes and expectation from Such revolutions, very lately they have discovered themselves very plainly to wish well to that Interest by their large presents and assistance to the Mogulls Camp and are informd they have endeavourd as much as possibly to make us Odious in the Mogulls Camp by giveing false representation of our Actions, but tis the Nature of the Hollanders and soe cannot expect better from them.

Generall to Agent Charnock and Councill of this date read and Sign'd. 30.

Ship George Capt : Thomas Lacy Commander arrived from China. MAY, ℔mo :

Ship Mary Capt : Stephen Barbar arrived from the Coast of India and brought a bagg of particular letters, from Ship Willm and Mary lately arrived at Callicut from England, but noe Generall from the Rt Honble : Company.

Generall to Mr : Dan : Deboise &a at Vizagapatam adviseing have Sent them 3. Pags 10000 and Ladeing of Tootenague for their Investment in Coarse goods and Such other as the Rt Honble Company require. Mr Cheney and Mr Fraser refused Signing this letter.

Madrass Friggot Wm : Brooks Commander arrived here wth a Ladeing of Provi- 6. son from Bengall & Packett from the Agent and Councill there.

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7. Generall to the West Coast read and approved.

13. The quarter Sessions for the tryall of two English men was held this day by the Mayor and Coart of Aldermen.

Deliverd Cap^{t} James Howell his dispatch for Bengall, and Sail'd the day following.

FRYDAY 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Governour
M^{R} THOM^{s} WAVELL M^{R} JOHN CHENEY
M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER M^{R} THOMAS GRAY.

The Presidents Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys Cash for the month of Aprill was read and past and the ballance remaining in Cash Chest Pag^{s} 139085 : 11 : 0.

M^{r}: John Cheneys Acc^{t}: of the Warehouse for the month of March and Aprill were read and past Errors expected who paid into the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash Pag^{s} 4000 : for goods Sold by him.

Orderd that Pag^{s} : 1459 : 5 : be paid for 5000 Rupees bought by M^{r}: John Cheney at Severall prices as also Pag^{s} 75 : for 2 : gunns and a looking Glass for a present to the Nabob of Bengall.

M^{r}: William Fraser Paymasters Acc^{ts} for y^{e} month of March was read against which the Governour excepted as before.

M^{r} : Thomas Gray read his Acc^{t} of the Sea Customes for the months of March and Aprill, the ballance whereof said to amount to Pag^{s} 2476 : 34 : 61 which was paid into Cash.

M^{r} : William Fraser and M^{r} : Thomas Gray, trustees to M^{r} : Henry More deceased paid in part into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys Cash on his Acc^{t} : Pag^{s} : 1051 : 11 : desireing us to advise the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a} : thereof that it may be paid to his next relation in England.

Letters to Bencolen, Tonqueen and Cap^{t} : Walthropes dispatch were read and approved and least M^{r}: Keeling Cheif at Tonqueen should refuse the ladeing the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Companys goods there, thereby disappoint her of a freight back, Tis agreed and orderd, that the severall thousand Cankard Dollers at the West Coast which has lain useless and dead by them a long time be sent on her to Tonqueen, where they may be better employd either in goods or Gold and turne more to advantage then by sending them hither, as by the Severall reasons in said letter.

M^{r} : Wheeler desireing he may be preferrd according to his Station and degree and discharged from keeping the books, Tis promised, and agreed, when he has brought up and ballancet the Gen^{ll} Books of last years, here being noe fitting persons to undertake it and tis of absolute necessity to be done.

The Brigganteen lately sent us from Vizagapatam proved by Affidavit from one of the men first belonging to her, that She was taken by Pyrats from a Dutch or Some other Europe Merchants in the West Indies, and that the said Pyrats brought her into these parts and committed Severall acts of Pyracyes upon Portugueze Mores & Gentues, some of w^{m} are now under confinement here, We therefore conclude her to be a lawfull prize to the King and Company and being much out of repair and of little Vallue, Tis orderd She be sent to Fort S^{t} David and there to be hall'd into the river to be well fitted, man'd & gunnd that She may Serve upon any occasion of advice or Warfair.

The Mintmaster makeing report there are some Ingotts of Silver, which are worse then Standard and unfitt for coynage, Tis agreed and orderd that by next oppertunity three of them be Sent to Bengall and rupees bought, to make the other two, fanam standard.

M^{r} James Johnson late Essay Mast^{r} being dismist of his Negligence and Idleness in y^{e} Mint buisness, and here being one M^{r} Nathaniel Stone well Skilled in that Art and willing to undertake the charge, Tis agreed and orderd that [he] be entertaind Essaymaster of the Mint at the same Sallary and allowance his predicessor had, obligeing his service for a twelvemonth and no longer, least the

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R^t Hon^ble Company Should make any alteration or appointment therein, and that he take place next to the Junior Merchant.

There being a Vacancy in the Land Customes, Tis orderd that Daniel Gyfford be appointed thereto till an oppertunity offers for his transport to Surrat he belonging to that place.

This being the time for the balanceing the then Generall books, Tis orderd that y^e Warehouskeep^r &^a in their severall employes do take and deliver in the acc^t of remaines to be adjusted and enterd into the ensueing or this years Books.

Wee haveing disposed the Hon^ble Companyes countrey Shipping on the severall Voyages there was occasion for, and the Agent &^a adviseing y^t they have more then they can well employ, and that the Maddrass Friggot is too bigg for their use in the Bay, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that after the clearing of her ladeing from Bengall the Storekeeper to make up his Acc^ts and draw a list of Stores belonging to her, She be exposed to publick Sale as soon as possibly, that she may be no longer a charge to the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a as also the rest of these Vessells when arrive.

There wanting the accomodation of a stable for the Companyes horses as also to encourage the Councill and others to keep theirs, Tis agreed and orderd that one be built in the hogg yard and the Paymaster and Storekeeper to look after the Same, that it be built well and frugally.

There being a rumour of 18 Saile of french ships comeing out for this coast, Tis orderd that the Paymaster and Storekeeper do in their sev^ll employs make provision and give charge to the Gunners to clear the gunns, fitt them w^th Shott and to provide what Small Armes and Shott with all other Stores Necessary for the defence of the Garrison to prevent any Surprize or assaults of the enimy.

M^r Giles Litcott of London Merch^t his Sonn deceasing on Pinck Saphir in her Voyage to Tonqueen Cap^t Lacy took charge and managed his concerns w^th him and upon his returne paid into the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as Cash Pag^s 951 : adviseing them thereof, that it might be paid to his freinds in Engl^d but his father haveing lately sent letters of Administration and Attorney to M^r Thomas Gray Henry Alford and Will^m Proby to receive all concerns of his Sonns to invest the same for his Acc^t and remitt it home by next oppertunity, the said Attorneys demanding the Said Summe out of the R^t Hon^ble Companyes Cash twas debated and agreed that it Should be paid them, they giveing bond to Repay the same with Interest in case the R^t Hon^ble Comp^a Should have paid the same to the s^d M^r Litcott or any other in England.

The Warehousekeep^r adviseing of a parcell of Cloth rashes and perpetuanoes remaining in the Goedowne which he could dispose of provided the prices were Something lessned, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that rather then they should receive further damage he make Sale of them at the best rates he can gett doeing his utmost therein.

M^r. John Brabone haveing left his Station of Councill at S^t. Davids, Tis orderd that M^r Rich^d Watts be appointed of Councill and Customer of that place.

There being of late great complaints of many counterfeit falce Pag^s of y^e Same Stamp as o^rs but not half their finess or Vallue a strange instance whereof appeard to us y^is day in a Sum of about 1000 Pag^s now brought by M^r Fraser and M^r Gray to be paid into the R^t Hon^ble Comp^as Cash upon M^r. Mose deceased his Acc^t. whereof were found 86 : of these base Pagodas, but cannot tell of whom they rec^d them wherefore Tis orderd that Proclamation be made by beat of drum and affixt upon the Gate to cry down these counterfeit Pagodas, and their payments upon Seveer penaltyes.

ELIHU YALE.

June 18 : 91.

I except the ballance of y^e Presidents Cash as alsoe y^e dollers being sent from y^e West Coast to Tonqueen. THO: WAVELL.

I except as formerly ... ... JN^O.CHENEY

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The Presidents excepting against the Pay masters acc^{os} is very Strange, haveing not instanced any one ꝑticular as yet nor ꝑused or suffered my Books as Pay Master to be read in Councill for severall M^{os}: past only my acc^{o} Currants as he doth with oy^{rs}. The Presidents acc^{o} of Cash not past. } WILL: FRASER.

I except against y^{e} Severall unwarrantable paym^{ts} made by the Presid^{t} out of the Companyes Cash. } THO: GRAY.

W. PROBY Sec^{ry}.

Generall to the West Coast and Tonqueen read and approv'd.

16 This Evening M^{r}. John Pounsett dyed.

17 Pass given to Brigganteen Wellfair belonging Enoch Walsh.

Letter from Rama Raja King of the Chingie Countrey to the President, adviseing that Tevenepaṭ and Mange Copang are out of our limitt, therefore would not have us disturb the Dutch or their buisness.

Delivered Cap^{t}. Walthrope his dispatch for y^{e} West Coast.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE SUPPRESSING THE FALSE AND COUNTERFEITED PAG^{s}.

To all Traders and Inhabitants of the towne of Fort S^{t}. George and Citty of Madrass, These are to give notice that We the President Govern^{r}. &^{s} Councill & Corporation for Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Company, have of late received many complaints that great sums of falce base Pag^{s}. have been Some where counterfeited under our Stamp & Coyne of Pag^{s}. tho not half their Vallue, and that they are clandestinely brought into Towne & putt off & paid away amongst other good ones to Severall ignorant poor people to their great loss and allmost Ruine, to prevent which unsufferable cheat to our people, dishonour to the place & prejudice to our coyne, Wee the Governour & Councill doe hereby promise and engage to give 100 Pag^{s} to any person that Shall discover and bring to us the fellonious Author of these counterfeit Pagodas that he may Suffer the due punishment of an exemplary death for his heynous Crime, forbidding all persons whatever from paying or receiving any Such falce Pag^{s} particularly Shroffs and money changers upon penalty of haveing them broke for the first fault whereever they shall be found, & for the second fault for offering to pass Such falce Pag^{s} they shall be equally forfeited to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company & discoverer, and if after these examples the said Shroffs or others Shall dare to pass or exchange Such counterfeits Pag^{s} each Such offender shall forfeit 10 Pag^{s} for each falce Pag^{s}. he or they Shall endeavour to putt off to the defrauding his Neighbour & discredit of our just Coyne & Mint No pretences of ignorance or mistake whatever to be admitted therein, to excuse any from the said penaltys thereby ordering the Mayor & Justices to be very inquisitive & Strict therein that we may in time Suppress the growth of such dangerous a Crime to the great prejudice of the place, trade & Merchants, giveing & confirming these Proclamations and order under our hands at Fort S^{t} George in the Citty of Madrass This 18: May 1691.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

WILL^{M}: PROBY Sec^{ry}:

18 And accordingly twas proclaimed at the Severall Citty gates by the Secretary.

19 Generall from the Agent & Councill of Bengall of the 27th March last, but of no importance.

20 Generalls to the Agent and Councill of Bengall, and Fort S^{t}: David.

24 Brigganteen Wellfair Saild this morning for Bengall.

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Mr: Richard Watts being lately returnd from his Sufferings at China deliverd an Acct of his Expences which the President orderd to be registerd.

Cash ... ... *Dr.*	Pags.	Fa:	Ca:
To 200Ta: taken up of Capt Lacy	P. 250:	00	0
To a Pawn Gold Sent on Shoar & lost 98 Ta: at 16½ Rs. for 10 Pa:	81:	13:	0
Pa.	331:	13:	0

Errors Excepted ℔ Richd Watts.

Capt Wm Heath ... ... *Dr.*			
To a Pawn Gold sent me on Shoar and lost–98: Ta: ...	122:	18:	0
To 100: Ps ⅝ promised me in case of my detention by the Chineeses which at 20 ℔ Cent advance is 120 $.	80:	0	0
To Cash Expended in 9 mõ in Maccaw in dyett house rent &a at 7½ ℔ meñs is Ta. 67½	84:	13:	0
To Cash for Charges from Maccaw to Mallacca at Mallacca 20: and thence hither	45:	0:	0
Pags.	331:	31:	0

Errors Excepted ℔ Richd Watts.

Pr Contra		*Cr*	Pags.	fa.	ca.
1691 By Sallary for two years	P	... ...	35:	20:	0
By Ballance		... ...	295:	29:	0
		Pags	331:	13:	0

Pr Contra						
By Ballance	...	*Cr.*	P.	331:	31:	0

To THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE GOVR
& COUNCILL OF FORT ST GEORGE.

Honble Sr: &a:

Your Honrs cant but be Sencible of my great late Susteind losses occasiond by my being detaind at Maccaw last year which was in Complyance with Capt Heaths request as well as out of a zeal to the service of Afflicted Countreymen, which tho it met not with ye expected and much desired Success of procureing their release yet am very Sencible it much contributed to their wellfair in alleviating their troubles, they being destitute of one, on all occasions to represent their case for want of the Language, as well as of Supplys for their necessitys which with Mr Tho: Yales &a Letter of Cr for 200: Ta: sufficiently enabled me to remedy by furnishing Dr Batt with money tho reimbursed on the China Shipps arrivall, it is likewise very well known, that I had finisht all my buisness on Shoar, ere the buisness hapned Tis therefore my most humble request to Your Honr &a you would please to represent this my case to the Rt: Honble Compa to the end I may not be a Sufferer in what was Soly designd for the Interest of Capt Heath and Ship Defence and then you would candidly judge thereof and not of the Event according to the Success which will infinitely devote.

Honble Sir &a
Your Hoñ &ca most humo Servt.
RICHARD WATTS.

The Rt Hoñ Compas Brigganteen Saild this morning with a Genl to Fort St. David. 29

The Morning Starr Saild for China

William Proby his time of Factors degree being expyred this day, acquainted the President therewth and was orderd to commence Merchant according to the Rt Honblo Companys Stated rules & orders. JUNE 2.

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4 Rec[d] a letter from Gov[r] Laurence Pitt to the President.

Letter from Soundee Bollogee to the President.

The Gunner was orderd to try the severall Gunns on the Sev[l] points and Bastions to see how farr they carry who gave the foll report.

Our Gunns carry into 6 : fathom upon a levell and into 7 : fath : 2 : degrees elevation and into 8 fath: at 4 : and into 9 fath : at 5½ and into 10 fath : at 17½ with the whole Culverin and Demiculverin & 8 with a Sacar and into 11 : fath : at 10 degrees & into 12 : fathoms at 14 : degrees Elevation.

THO : MEDDOWS Gun[r].

6 Ship Mary Cap[t] Stephen Barbar Command[r] Saild for China with Duplicates to the R[t] Hon[ble] Company.

14 Ship Conimere Merchant Saild for Atchein.

15 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] : President & Governour
M[R] [*blank*] M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] W[M] : FRASER M[R] THO : GRAY.

The Councill being duly Summond M[r] Tho Wavell *sick.*

The Presidents Acc[t] of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Cash for the month of Aprill and May was read and past the ballance amounting to Pag[s] 135874 :

The Custom[r] acquainting us that the severall Ellephants lately brought hither from Tanassaree belonging to the Armenians have not paid Cust[o] by reason they have not yet vallued them therefore desire the Councill order therein who upon examination of their Sizes, order their Valluatiõ at 400 Pag[s] a peice and to receive 5 ℔ Cent Custõ accordingly.

The season elapsing for Bengall and the George being bound thither this week which is like to be the last and best oppertunity that offers this year, and the Warehousekeeper acquainting us that he has used his utmost endeavours to provide Silver, but can gett no more y[n] what already deliverd in und 335 Rup[s] ℔ 100 Pa : which comes out much dearer then to send Gold to Bengall, Tis therefore agreed and orderd y[t] the Warehousekeep[r] w[th] the Essaymast[r]: Mint Bramenees and Shroffs do buy to the amount of 50000 Pag[s] in Gold Moors, Copangs, Chickeen[s] China or other bar gold, to be sent down by Said Ship, to carry on this years Investment, the Agent &[a] writeing very importunately for it, and that the China Gold, rec[d] by the Defence be assayd as also the 3 Ingotts of Silver both to be included in the aboves[d] Summe.

M[r] Charles Fleetwood giveing in his Acc[t] of expences on the Brigganteen maintaining the Pyrats dureing their confinem[t] at Vizagapatam M[r]. John Cheney & M[r] Tho : Gray are orderd to examine and report to the Councill that his Acc[ts] w[th] the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] may be adjusted and ballanced.

Our differences w[th] the Dutch at Tegnapatam was discourst, but nothing resolved therein, till we hear the Success of the bramanees lately Sent to the King at Chengie ab[t] this Affair, after w[ch] we shall write the Heer Pitt our resolves therein, M[r] Yales and M[r] Metcalfs Affidavit relateing thereof, is orderd to be enterd next after this Consultation and to be sent to Govern[r] Pitt &[a] when we write them.

Haveing advice of the grand Viseer Assid Cawn comeing with an Army to the Assistance of his Sonn Zull Faker Cawn at Chingee to w[m] we think twould be absolutely necessary to send Some persons to complement and make him a Visit w[th] a suitable present to engage his fav[r] to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] & their Affaires, he haveing been the prime Minister and cheif person of State y[t] negociated our peace w[th] the Mogull as also y[e] Cheif person in the Mogulls Service and favour but nothing to be done herein till he comes to Chingee.

M[r] Jn[o] Braboun is orderd to proceed to Bengall for their assistance, there to be employd as the Agent &[a] thinks fitt according to his statõ.

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A sort of Mettall plates made in China of Tin & Tutenague very hard & like Silver, w^ch^ will be very handsome & usefull for y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ table here &^a^ factorys & save y^e^ use & loss of plates, Its therefore orderd that Six peices of Ord^y^ ℔petuanos be sent thither for a quantity of plates & dishes by M^r^ John Biggs on the Curtana now bound for Canton.

Agreed y^t^ an Investm^t^ be made at S^t^ Davids provided it be done w^th^ safety in y^e^ Sev^ll^ Sorts of goods the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ require not exceeding 15 ℔ C^t^ upon the former prices, but that at first they Send us their Musters with the lowest prices they bring their Merchants to, and after to resolve and proceed accordingly.

M^r^ Pitts Storekeep^r^ read his Acc^ts^ for the mō of March & Aprill and past. M^r^ Daniel Gyfford his Acc^ts^ of the Land Custom were read & past Err^s^ excepted & paid into the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Cash P : 230.

Orderd that Pag^s^ 100 be sent to Madapoll to M^r^ Fra: Brough to keep the Factorys in repair & pay the peons wages &^a^.

ELIHU YALE.
Except as heretofore JN^o^ CHENEY.

I agree not to any Investment at y^e^ new ffort report upon any risgs on y^e^ Comp^a^, now those Countries are in trouble but at Maddapollam where we are safe from y^e^ enemie & invited. } WILL : FRASER.

I except ag^t^ passing y^e^ Cash THO: GRAY.

W PROBY Sec^ry

M^r^ : Tho^s^ Yales & M^r^ Cha: Metcalts Affidav^t^ relateing the purchace of Tevnepatam Fort and its circumference or limits.

Wee the Subscribers being employd by order of the Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale Governour &^a^ Councill of Fort S^t^ George for Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^a^ on a negotiation to King Ramaraja at Chingee about the purchace of his Fort at Tevenepatam & adjacent Towns & Villages &^a^ within y^e^ randome Shott of a peice of ordnance with severall other priveledges as particularly mentiond in his Majesties and Privy Councills bill of Sale or Phyrmaund to the said President and Councill for Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ English East India Comp^a^ to have and to hold for ever as their full and lawfull propriety and inheritance to be allways under their own free jurisdiction & Goverment, exclusive of, all others whatever, no exception being mentiond or discourst much less allowd of, but only that the Dutch should enjoy their factory buildings and trade at Tegnapatam as formerly and upon the same tearms and Conditions of rent and Customes and nothing else agreed to by us nor was there ever any offers made to us ab^t^ Mangee Copang, nor do we beleive they had at that time any thoughts thereof, the Dutch then only renting it from the Duan, and as we are informed but for three years at 300 Chuckarums ℔ añ nor did the Dutch make the least exception against our purchace, when the Phyrm^d^ was publisht and the fort deliverd to us, as likewise our randome shott made which took in Cuddalore and its circumference, much beyond Tevenepatam or Mangee Copang to all which the Dutch Cheif Sen^r^ Joan Coart &^a^ were wittnesses assistting us therein without the least declaration or exception against the legallity and free enjoym^t^ of the purchace or any part thereof, nor one word to that time that Mangee Copang belongd to them, to the truth whereof to the best of our knowledge, We Solemnly make Oath.

Fort S^t^ George the 20^th^ June 1691. THO : YALE.
CHARLES METCALFE.

Jurat̃ : Corum Nobis.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^M^ FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

This Evening arrived the William and Mary from Surrat, but noe Generall from y^m^ occasion'd by a Suddain Storme which forc't her from her Anchors only 16

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a packett directed to the Nabob of Bengall s[d] to be the Kings Phyrmaund for our resettlements and trade there.

19 Generall for S[t] Davids read and sign'd.

FRYDAY 19 ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] Presid[t] & Governour
M[R] [*blank*] M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] W[M] FRASER M[R] THO GRAY.

The Councill being duly summond.
M[r] Tho Wavell *Sick.*

Ship W[m] and Mary arriveing the 16: Inst[t] without letters either from the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] or them, occasiond as the Cap[t] Saith by a suddain Storme that drove him from his Anchors, but supposed accidently brought a Moors letter said to be the Kings Phyrmaund for our resettlem[ts] & trade at Bengall, but no advice of its import or Contents therefore send it with our accompanying letters on said Ship to Bengall adviseing the Agent &[a] not to take the money ashoar or engage upon any new Investment till they know the contents of said Phyrmaund, and tis also agreed and orderd y[t] the gold orderd aboard the George for Bengall be now laden on the W[m] and Mary, she being a Europe Ship and the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as]:

Orderd that 8000 Pag[s] paid M[r] Cheney for rupees bought by him.

M[r] John Braboune being orderd to Bengall produces his Indentures dated the 30[th] of Aprill 85 for S[t] Helena assureing us he had noe other from the Hon[ble] Comp[a] desireing his Station may be calculated from that time his return from St[a] Helena being upon the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Acc[t] and in their Service and also Served them in England for which reasons we approve thereof and tis accordingly orderd that he commences Merch[t] in Bengall the 3[d] of November next 1691 according to the tenure of his Indentures.

ELIHU YALE.
JN[O]: CHENEY.

I except now as formerly the Presidents Cash Book and y[t] it is not past or agreed to. } WILL: FRASER. THO: GRAY.

20 This evening Shipp George Thomas Lacy Commander sett Saile for Metchlepatam & Bengall.

21 Generall to Bengall approved and sent.

The President wrote a particular letter to M[r] Will[m] Hatsell relateing the dutch proceedings at Tevenapatam.

Generall to the Hon[ble] Thomas Sticker Dutch Governour of Mallacca requireing due Satisfaction & restitution of the R[t] Hon[ble] Companies Goods brought thither by M[r] Lemuel Blackmore on a China Junck, which by accident or necessity was driven there, and the goods dammaged by the Vessell and Stormy weather, which they requested leave of the Goverment to bring ashoare to dry and repack w[th] out any designe of defrauding them of their Custome by a clandestine Sale, the Goods being designed to have been sent hither could they have mett with a convenient oppertunity, but the people aboard not doubting of a grant to their reasonable desires sent some of them ashoare without M[r] Blackmores order or notice given to the Shabandar whereupon the Phiscall notwithstanding said reasons seized them and doubted His confiscation of them, so desired they may be putt to no further trouble in the recovery of them giveing them to understand that much of their Hon[ble] Comp[as] goods and treasure have been brought ashoare here in the same nature without the least trouble or Scruple ab[t] them w[ch] they could not be strangers to.

24 This Evening Saild the Curtana Cap[t] Antony Welden Command[r] for China. As also the William and Mary for Bengall.

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Shipp Satisfaction belonging to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company Robert Turlington Master arrived this Evening from Surrat and Bombay Empty. 28

M^r^ Pitts Storekeeper was orderd to take an Inventory of Shipp Satisfactions Stores Gunns Sailes Anchors &^a^ and expose her to Sale by publick outcry on Wednesday next, according to an order of Consultation dated the 15 of May last, and y^t^ a bill be putt up at the Sea gate to give notice of the Same. 29

Shipps Susanna and Four brothers arrived this day from Batavia & brings advice of Shipps Orange Cap^t^ John Utbers arrivall there from England bound for Bencolen, Said to have Sev^ll^ Packetts aboard her from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company for this place &^a^ which he would not deliver, intending to Send them by the Saphyr friggot or bring them himself, we have also Advice from the West Coast of the 20^th^ March last that they are in troubles, the Orankeys riseing against them burning and pillageing the towns Slaves and provisions that they fear themselves to be in great danger. JULY ℔ P^MO^

M^r^ Charles Fleetwood his time of Factorship being expired this day acquainted the Hon^ble^ President therewith, and according to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ orders commences Merchant. 3

Ship Loyall Captain Cap^t^ William Brouse Commander Sett saile for Bengall. 4

Brigganteen Francis W^m^ Holt Master Saild this Evening for Quedda & Junkseloan as also Ship Boa Vista belonging to Sen^r^ Don Theodore for Manilla. 5

Generall from Fort S^t^ David of the 2^d^ of y^s^ Instant. 6

Generall from the Agent and Councill of Bengall of the 21^th^ of May last, adviseing that the Custome we used to pay there is wholly taken off, and their former Priveledges & paying the Goverment the annuall present of 3000 rupees granted and confirmd by an Husbullhuccum from under the grand Nabob Assid Cawn ['s]? Seal by order of the King. Coppy whereof is here inserted. Viz. 8

> Translate of an Abstract of an Husbullhuccum under Assid Cawns Seal upon Kefait Cawn Duan of Dacca for the English paying 3000 rup^s^ piscash Annually in leiu of Custome, procured by the aforesaid Kefaits Cawn letter dated the 21 of Jemadelowett in the 34 year of the Kings reigne of feb^ry^ 10^th^ 1690/1.

Petition was made that you writt that a Husbullhuccum under the seal of Suttfulla Cawn was arived unto the Viceroy that the English should trade according to antient Custō that of that Nation 2 or 3 were arrived in the port of Hughly and Mahomed Eckbar Officer of said port had given them encouragement and had taken an obligation from them, that they will give Custome for their Merchandise as hereafter shall be determined, that in s^d^ husbullhuccum was nothing mentiond concerning receiving Custome, neither was it under the Vizeers Seal, what hath bin determined; that their antient Custome to your knowledge was rupees 3000 ℔ annum, for which they carryed on their trade and buisness, then after that it was determined for them to pay custome 3½ ℔ Cent as they did in Surratt and that now for this Custome of this Nation you would act according to order, upon which the King gave order their piscash should be received of them according to antient Custome, therefore I write you that you act according to order and advise hereof.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE Presid^t^ & Governour
M^R^ [*blank*] M^R^ JOHN CHENEY
M^R^ W^M^ FRASER M^R^ THO GRAY.
M^R^ THO WAVELL *Sick.*

The President read his Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash for the month of June which was past the ballance amounting to Pag^s^ 130703 : 30 : 2 : THURSDAY 9

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Mr John Cheney's Acctˢ of the Warehouse for the month of May were read and past Errors excepted and paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags 6500: 00:

Mr Thomas Gray's Acctˢ of the Sea Customs for the month of June was read and past Errors excepted and paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags 935: 22:

Mr John Pitts Provisionall Storekeepers Acctˢ of Stores bought and expended in the month of May were read and past and orderd that Pags five hundred for provision of stores &s Shipping Charges.

Mr Daniel Gyfford Provisionall Land Customer his Acctˢ of the Land Customes were read and past Errours excepted and paid Pags 260: in the Rt Honble Compas Cash.

It being the Rt Honble Compas orders in their last letter ℔ the Chandos, that all Shipps that doe desire & take Passes shall pay a Rupee a Ton, wch the Sea Customer is orderd duly to observe & receive from all that shall take them, as also for Shipp Rebecca, who notwithstanding She took our pass for Surrat and Persia has not yet paid her Tonnage.

According to our former Consultation the Shipp Satisfaction was sett up for a publick sale but noebody offering more then seaven hundred & five pags the Storekeeper was orderd to continue her for the Honble Compa her Stores amounts to near 500 P: and all sorts of grain being very scarce an deer and likely to be worse and but little in town, It is orderd that she be sent to Trincambar with two thousd Pags in charge of Mr Robert Levison one of the Rt Honble Compas factors for provision of rice or paddy, for a store for the Garrison, and that the Warehouse Keepr do lade the Gunns &a Stores for Fort St David and Cuddaloor to deliver them in her way thither, and if upon her return from Trincambar she cannot be sold to her Vallue, that she proceed to the West Coast either from ys place or Bengall to Supply them wth provision as also Mr Charles fleetwood who offering his service, We esteem fitting and able and therefore order and appoint him to goe Depy Governour in the place of Mr James Sowden, who by all advices we hear has mannaged the Affaires very badly and by his imprudence brought the place into great troubles and that all factors and Writers that are willing to goe thither shall have their Sallaryes doubled according to their Station and the Rt Honble Compas orders.

Doctor Brown delivering in a bill of Charges for Phisick bought and expended on the Sick Soldiers in the Hospitall the Paymastr is orderd to examine it and discharge the same.

There wanting assistance for the managemt of the Investment and the Honble Compas other buisness at Vizagapatam there being only two of Councill Mr Dubois and Mr Focquett, Mr Samll Owen is therefore orderd third of Council there and that he make dilligent enquiry into the past managemt of the Rt Honble Companys Cash and their present Investment and that the Brigganteen be sent for from St David to goe thither as soon as possibly to bring away the bales and compleat her ladeing with grain for the Garrison.

Maucudum Nina an Eminent Chuliar Merchᵗ late of Porto Novo haveing now brought his family and Shipping to Settle at Cuddaloor and haveing been very industrious and Serviceable in promoteing the Rt Honble Company's Interest there in drawing many rich Merchts and others to inhabit there to the encrease of the Customes and revenues of the place, as alsoe the fortifying the town with severall bastians and now about walling it and much at his own charge, Soe to encourage his proceedings. Tis orderd that He be Commissiond Captaine of the Chuliars Moors and Gentues and that a present of a Scarlett coat Sword blade Gunn and rundell be sent him in respect to his good Services and to oblige their continuance.

ELIHU YALE.

I except as formerly & against Mr Owens goeing untill a Cheife be settled. } JNO: CHENEY.

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The Secretary is bold to write the Presidents Cash Book to be read & past, which is falce. There lyes a complaint against Mr Fleetwood wch was never yet Examined into, I disprove Mr Owen till a Chief is settled lest things run in Combustion till there be a Cheif. } WILL : FRASER.

I Except ye Compas Cash as formerly ... ... THO: GRAY.

W. PROBY Secry :

Coppy of a Commission to Maucudum Nina.

To Capt Maucudum Nina.

In consideration of your good Services to the Rt Honble Compa at their Town of Cuddaloor in fortifying and Strengthning the place, encourgeing the trade and revenues and bringing many able Merchants and Inhabitants to Settle and trade there, Wee the Governour and Councell of Fort St George doe hereby constitute and appoint You to be Captain and Chief under the English Goverment of all the Chuliars Moor Merchants and Inhabitants of Cuddaloor to lead and Command them in time of trouble and Warr as also in Councill and contrivance for the good and prosperity of the place, dated att Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 12 day of July Anno One thousand Six hundred Ninety one.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM PROBY Secry: WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

Generall from Mr Daniel Duebois &a at Vizagapatam of the [*blank*] of [*blank*] last Sent to the Councills perusal Wherein they acknowledge the receipt of the 10000 Pags Tutenague &a sent ym by the Dyamond Friggot, and also advices of a new Seerlascar, comeing down to those parts and that one is to last but for a year, and their Suba att Golcandah, being for noe longer time, so that it will occasion great charge and yearly present, wch they desire the Presidents &a order for and what they Shall do therein. 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 16.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governr

MR [*blank*] MR JOHN CHENEY

MR WM FRASER MR THOMS GRAY.

The Councill duely Summond

MR THO WAVELL *Sick.*

Mr John Cheneys Acct of the Warehouse for the month of June was read and past Errours Excepted.

They being still very importunate from Surrat about Supplying them with money which tho we have noe orders from the Rt Honble Compa but rather to expect it from them however in consideration that the Honble Compas factorys on the Mallabar Coast may not be discouraged for want thereof to carry on the pepper Trade and fortifying the new factory at Ruttera, Tis therefore agreed and resolved that the first Shipp either the Saphyr or Pearl friggot that arrives from the West Coast be dispatcht in Septembr next or as soon as possibly with the following amount to the severall factorys on the Mallabar Coast Viz. Ten thousand Pagodas to Ruttera, Ten thousand to Callicutt, Ten thousand to Batture and Twenty thousand to Surrat, being as much as we can spare out of our Stock, haveing the Charge of two Garrison of Fort St George & St David also Bengall and the West Coast under our Care & charge which must also be provided for.

Letter to the Agent &a in Bengall relateing to the late advices from Surrat read and approved.

[16TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1691*——

Their expences at S^{t}: Davids being too large considering that noe Investment & little buisness they have to doe, for regulation whereof we have upon due consideration resolved and orderd them to dyett money with respect to the Allowances of this place, as also the cheapness of provision there, to be according to following list enterd next after this Consultation to be immediately and duly observed by them.

ELIHU YALE.
JN^{o}: CHENEY.

It is an Error contrary to the constitution of this Place formerly as by this new Table appears to allow the 2^{d}: here but 3 Peons & the 2^{d}: of the new ffort 4 Peons this being the supperiour ffactory.
W. PROBY Sec^{y}.

WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.

Allowances orderd by the Hon^{ble}: President and Councill of Fort S^{t}: George to the Worsp^{l}: Dep^{y}: Govern^{r}: &^{a}: of Fort S^{t}: David for dyett money Peons Serv^{ts} Wages House rent Wash^{g}: &^{a}: Viz.

	Peon.	Dyet.	Serv^{t}.	Wash.
To the Worsp^{l}: Dep^{y}: Govern^{r}: a Pallanquin & 2 horses ...	10	P 10:—:	P 6:	P: 1:—
To the second one horse ...	4	6:	3:	18
To the Minister	2	5:	1:	6
To the Third	2	5:	2½	6
To the Fourth &^{a}:	2	5;	2:	6
To the Seq^{r}: Surgeon ...	1	4:	1:	4
To the Merchants factors &...	...	4:	...	4
To Writers	...	3:	...	4

Officers and Soldiers to have their due pay and noe more and this is to be a standing rule which none are to exceed upon the Comp^{as}: Charge, it being much more then the allowances here of this place, considering its Superiority, the Scarcity and deerness of provisions and greater occasion for expence as also house rent which they are free from, but is a very great charge here, but all publick Solemnitys & entertainments are to be at the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: charge and the Acc^{t}: to be kept apart.

The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Allowance to the Counc^{ll}: &^{a} here for dyett money House rent Servants Wages, Washing Viz:

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The Worsp^{ll} Tomas Wavell Second	3	P: 6: 00: 0	Fa: 150	Fa: 6
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M^{r}: W^{m}: Fraser Fourth ...	2	6: 00: 0	97	6
M^{r}: Tho: Gray Fifth ...	2	6: 00: 0	85	6
M^{r}: W^{m}: Cawly	2	6: 00: 0	85	6
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Marryd Merchants &^{a}: at 5 Pag^{s}: ℔ mouth and the Writers at Pag^{s}: 3: Besides this the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: allow the Second here a Pallanqueen and a horse but none to the rest of the Councill nor the charge of Keeping one, nor anything more then their Sallary for wyne Punch fyrewood &c^{a}: excepting a shair of those liquors their Hon^{rs}: are pleased to Send out of England and these allowances are confirmd by the Comp^{a}: and possitively forbidden to be encreast to any much less at Subordinate factoryes, nor are the Millatary Officers any where allow'd dyet money, their comeing to table on their gaurd days is a courtesy and only the Governours favour to them.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{y}:

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This Evening about 7 of the Clock happned a strange accident by a Flash of Lightning which burnt and Shattered our Standard and flagstaff all to peices and crackt one of y^e^ Centry boxes upon the fort point. 15.

Generall from Fort S^t^. David. 17.

This morning M^r^. Thomas Wavell after a tedious Sickness of a bloody flux dyed, and in the evening decently buiryed from the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ new garden accompanyed by the Governour and Councill &^a^ with a Company of Soldiers, and after interred 14 great gunns was fired as is accustomary in such cases. 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY

Present 21.

ELIHU YALE President and Govern^r^
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ W^M^: FRASER
M^R^: THOM^S^ GRAY.

Letter to S^t^ Davids read approved & orderd to be enterd next after this Consultation, relateing to our difference with the Dutch at Tegnapatam.

Mr Richard Trenchfeild offering to supply the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ occasions with ten thousand five hundred rupees at Surrat, Tis agreed & orderd that we accept thereof at 3½ rup^s^ ℔ Pag^ds^ and upon Receipt of his bills to pay him three thousand Pag^s^ also wrote to Surrat for them to draw upon us to the amount of 40 or 50000 Pag^s^ at that rate to Supply the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ occasions.

ELIHU YALE.
JN^O^: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

W^M^ PROBY Sec^ry^:

To THE WORSP^LL^ WILL^M^ HATSELL
DEP^Y^ GOVERN^R^ &C^A^ COUNCILL.

Before we answer your Severall letters we must acquaint You that by Shipp Satisfaction we have sent you for Cuddalore fortification all the great gunns we can either spare or procure, which tho some of them are but ordinary, yet Sufficient for those works being as much for shew as Service and wee hope may fright away your troubles and dangers, the sight of great gunns being terrible both to y^e^ Moors and Morattaes, we have also sent you all the Copper Wee have, for your cash coynage, w^th^ the Coals and Standard weights &^a^ y^o^ desired as also a thousand Pag^s^ for charges Garrison &^a^ for which give us due Creddit, unladeing y^e^ Shipp as soon as possibly, dispatching her to Trincambar as orderd, where if you have any occasion to provide grain, we have orderd M^r^ Levison to assist you therein and Supply you with the overplus money for it, which we suppose may remain after Ladeing the Shipp, Sending two thousand Pagodas with him for that purpose but yourselves must provide boats for it, this Ships Tonnage being too Small for our occasions.

As to your disputes and differences w^th^ your unreasonable Neighbours the Dutch, wee have endeavoured all fair ways to give them Satisfaction therein, as also with Rama Raja to doe us that Justice with them according to the Tenure of his Phyrmaund, but by their insinuation & bribes they take the advantage of a variable Necessitous Prince to dishonour his word and deeds to deprive the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company and Nation of their just purchast Rights, tho as the Dutch argue for themselves, that Rama Raja had no power to Sell their factory being their own proper building which we allow, but the same reason must hold for our purchase too, and that any collaterall after graunt or Sale of any part thereof can be of no right or Vallidity, our purchase and Tenure being Sufficiently proved and apparent by the King and all his privy Councills deed of Sale or

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Phyrmaund to the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ without y^e^ least exception of Manjee Copang Tevenapatam or any other place within our randome Shott nor any persons or place within said limitts exempted from our Goverm^t^ and Customes, & had the Dutch the least pretence to Such a right they would undoubtedly have declared it at its being deliverd into our possession, which they did not till long after our peaceable enjoyment of it, besides in their Severall papers to us & You they acknowledge they duely paid 2½ ℔ Cent Custome at the time of our purchase & possession and that they were only renters of Manje Copang for 25 Chuckarums ℔ month, these are Sufficient instances and arguments of our undoubted rights to their Customes & said Copang which by M^r^ Yales and Cap^t^ Metcalfs affidavit is confirmd beyond all question doubt or equivocation, they being y^e^ persons employd to the King &^a^ about the purchase, and were not only privy but actors and Wittnesses to the whole managery of that Affaire, and therefore unquestionable testimonys against all dutch Quibbles and prevarications, as also those of the mercenary Morattaes who no doubt may be temperd & induc'd by bribes to resell the fort too ten times over to the same or Severall persons, Nay they will Sell their honour and conscience too to any that will buy it, a strange instance whereof lately received from our Bramenes at Chingie that notw^th^standing their underhand dealings and many great bribes received from the Dutch in this buisness the King by them now offers for 15000 Chuckurums nay 10000 to resell to us Manjee Copang and Tegnapatam, exclusive of all Dutch pretences and Company too, but wee Scorne Such base concessions as well from its infamy as that it would much weaken our Substantiall Phyrmaund, and might be bought in as an instrum^t^ or engine to batter it, Wee do therefore now resolve & accordingly order You to Stand by our Phyrmaund it being a sufficient Authority and Support for the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ rightfull possession, w^ch^ you must Secure and maintain against all opposers whatever, and tis but naturall & just to defend our Rights, Manjee Copang is the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ just purchase, therefore take possession of it, except the Dutch will engage to pay to you the same rent they paid the Duan but this to be only for the time they rented it for, when thats expired, take it into your own management and make the best of it for the Comp^a^ then for the Dutch Customes, let it be the same they usually paid the Duan, which if they refuse then deney them the boat and people to Serve them, giveing them notice that what goods are or shall be landed within your precincts without your licence are Seizable & Shall be confiscated to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ as Lords Proprietors of the place, which if they oppose you in, we order you to force them to reason avoyding bloodshed offensively, and for what you write us about a Commission of your Administring Justice & punishing offenders for your fuller Satisfaction & Authority therein, we have Sent You Printed & Attested Coppys of Severall Charters graciously granted the R^t^ Hon^ble^ East India Comp^a^ by their late Maj^esties^ King Charles & James y^e^ Second and confirmd by their present Maj^ties^ King William and Queen Mary, all which we are humbly of opinion are of full force and Authority till repeald by their Majesties, which there is no doubt of since without Lawes, there can be neither Justice or Goverment, no order, trade conversation nor liveing, every one will Say act & take what they please, without controul and much more in Garrisons amongst turbulent ungovernable Soldiers, but there can be no question of o^r^ Authority, the Charter being confirmed, wherein we beleive your power in that near equall to ours therefore act accordingly, and for your doing Justice upon the Natives Rama Raja's Subjects his Phyrmaund is a further & Sufficient power for it, Wee therefore for the encouragem^t^ & quiet of the place, Order and appoint M^r^ Haynes, M^r^ Watts and Maucudum Nina Justice of the Chowltry to try & determine causes civill and criminall and to execute according to sentance lyfe only excepted, which must be done by another Coart of Judicature, and for this purpose wee would have you choose or make a convenient Chowtry at Cuddalore, where Said persons are to Sett twice a week Viz on Tuesday & fryday mornings from 8 to 11 : of the Clock and at Tegnapatam

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once a week on thursday mornings to have accustomary fees appointed them according to the Custome of that place or this, for which purpose we shall Send a list of our Chowltry fees to regulate Yo^rs^ by where we would have all tryalls of moment Registerd by an English Clark of said Coart and the differences amongst Black Merch^ts^ to be decided by arbitrators of their own Cast, only Justices to examine the buisness and confirm the Judgm^t^ and execution, this we find to be the most Just & Satisfactory way of proceeding w^th^ them but differences among Christians the Justicees may decide.

Wee find Sounde Bollogee neither Serviceable nor faithfull to the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ buisness agreable to his promises and obligations, but rather the contrary, Wee therefore discharge him and his Sonn from Sallary Allowances or other benefitts in the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Service they doing nothing to deserve such chargeable favours, besides his constant abode amongst our enimys at Pullicherry Seems a conclusion that he intends us noe good.

We would have you hasten fitting the Brigganteen & send her hither as soon as possibly, intending to send her to Vizagapatam for their bales and grain, sending us w^t^ Chinam & bricks you can.

Findeing some irregularitys in y^r^ table expences, dyet money &^a^ Allowances, we have thought fitt to order you to board wages according to the list herewith Send you, which we require a due observance of, it being proportionably better allowances then the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ allow the Councill &^a^ here, which we hope will satisfye and content You, this being no time for Superfluitys much less extravagancy, however if any thinks it Seveer, they have the liberty of refuseing it and the Service to, if they please, you must also consider the deadness of trade and the great charge and little benefitt the Comp^as^ factorys are now to them, when that mends we hope they will enlarge your allowances, but till then we must obey their orders of frugallity, which we desire and hope you will also do.

Wee must also Still press your uttmost endeavours for the makeing an Investment in Such goods the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ require, otherwise we must be forc't to Send our Stock to Bengall and Surrat, that it may no longer lye dead by us.

Wee doubt the Dutch will make a clamour at your coyning their pagodas and decry them all they can, however make the experiment but be sure to equall them in all respects both in fineness, weight and Stamp, and we shall give them all the reputation we can here & to the Southward, and could you effect it currently twould be of great Service to the Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: in their trade in those parts, but if You faile you must make another Stamp.

After you have Coppyed the sev^ll^: Charters into a Book return them, we haveing no others by us, which is what presents from:

Worsp^ll^ &^a^
Your faithfull Loveing freinds
ELIHU YALE.

M^r^: Frasers Objection.

Notw^th^ standing K^g^ Charles y^e^ 2^d^ & K^g^ James 2^d^ their Chart^rs^ granted y^e^ R^t^ Hon Comp^a^ impowring y^m^ to erect Sev^ll^ Coarts yet we have no power or order from y^e^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ as I Know of to Set up any Coart in India for y^e^ tryall of criminalls so far as touches life or limb, Save only at Bombay or ffort S^t^ George. W^m^ Fraser — JOHN CHENEY. / WILL^M^: FRASER.

Reley a prisoner from the West Coast sent hither in Irons, M^r^ Davis & Pownset Prisoners from Bengall are fresh Instances & Haggerston sent to B. Bay. W. F. — THO: GRAY.

Only to Bengall Bencolen & other garrison places for which Commissions and Gen^ll^ orders were sent out but willfull ignorance is no just exception.

E. YALE.

This morning Saild the Shipp Satisfaction for Trincambar. 23.

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25 Deliverd the Redwood Merchants 500 Pag^{s} for provision of redwood.
26 Generall to the Agent and Council of Bengall ordering them to Send in December next all the goods they have or can provide by that time to this place to lye in readiness for any occasion haveing wrote to Surrat to Send us one of their Supernumerary Ships which they cannot conveniently lade home for England.

MUNDAY 26. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE Esq^{R} President & Govern^{r}
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} WILL^{M} FRASER
M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY.

Generall to Surrat read and approved & orderd to be engrost.

M^{r} Thomas Wavell being dead the Councill accordingly to their Succession orderd to take their Severall employments. M^{r} John Cheney Second and Accomptant, M^{r} Betts & M^{r} Vanden Ancor be orderd to his Assistance, that he begin the Generall books from the ballance of the last years books ending in Aprill last and that each person do give in the true Acc^{t} of the remains und^{r} their Severall charges.

M^{r} Will^{m} Fraser according to his degree Succeed and take charge of the Warehouse and the beginning of next month do take a reall Acc^{t} of the remaines from his Predicessor M^{r} John Cheney. But M^{r} Tho Gray refuseing to take charge of the Paymasters employ according to Succession the Settlement thereof and others be deferrd till next Consultation, and in the meantime, It is orderd that M^{r} Thomas Wright doe officiate in the Paymasters place for which Pag^{s} 500 be paid him to defray the Garrison charges.

M^{r} John Cheney being removed from Justice of the Chowltry M^{r} Tho Gray is orderd to officiate therein wth M^{r} Nicks and M^{r} Alford.

The news of the Mogulls Sonn Prince Cawn Bux his comeing down towards Chingee being now confirm'd to us, as also Assid Cawnes the grand Viseers being two of the greatest Peers in the Kingdome, who if we should neglect to Vissit and present, 'tould be lookt upon a great affront and might prove very injurious to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Affaires at this place and the rest of their Settlements on this Coast, more especially at this Juncture of time in the beginning of our resettlements, twas therefore recommended to the Councill to think of Some fitting person to send with a considerable present to the amount of at least two thousand Pag^{s} to be in Europe Cloth two horses, two feild peices Small armes and what other raritys procureable to that amount, which y^{e} Warehouskeeper is orderd to provide.

M^{r} Will^{m} Frasers Paymasters Acc^{ts} for the month of [*blank*] were read and past Errors excepted.

The revenues of Wine licence and distilling and Selling Arrack being much declind the last two years either by neglect or decay & being a troublesome buisness for our people to look after, Tis agreed and orderd that both be put up to farme at publick outcry at the Sea Gate in November next when the licences now given out are expired.

ELIHU YALE.

M^{r} Betts peremptorily refuses to assist in y^{e} Acco^{ts} — JN^{O}: CHENEY.

The Council have often declared M^{r} Nicks not worthy any Employ of trust in the R H C Service, & therefore not capable by their Hon^{rs} ord^{rs} of being a publique officer of Justice nor was his being made a Justice ever put to the Vote. — WILL^{M}: FRASER.

It being y^{e} Comp^{a} ord^{r} y^{t} y^{e} Sea Custo^{r} should be of Councill I desired in obedience thereto to be contined, there being noe other of Councill to Supply y^{t} Vacancy. — THO: GRAY.

WILL^{M} PROBY Sec^{ry}

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[26TH]

The following Proclamation was by beat of drum proclaimed at the Severall gates of the Citty this first day of August.

Whereas of late Severall unreasonable exacting people have made and engroc't quantitys of bricks of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Clay w^thout our licence notwithstanding which they take the advantage of their present occasion and the necessitys of the Inhabitants to finish and repair their houses before the raines, Selling them unsufferably deer to the ill Example and prejudice of the place, to prevent which the future ill consequences thereof, Wee the Governour and Councill do hereby Strictly forbidd Such exactions, ordering that no person whatever Shall sell bricks within our Goverm^t^ for less then two thousand for one Pagoda upon penalty of forfeiting the Same, Since at that rate they will be Sufficient gainers dated att Fort S^t^ George in the Citty of Madras this first day of August 1691.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
W^M^: FRASER.
THOM^S^: GRAY.

W^M^ PROBY Sec^ry

Shipp Orange Cap^t^ John Utber Commander arrived this morning from England Via Sumatra and brought the pacquett of letters from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ ashoare and deliverd them to y^e^ President, who being then at his gaurden house, orderd that the pacquett might be Sent to the Fort to be open'd and perused there in Councill on Munday next, as also their advices from the West Coast.

AUGUST 3^rd^

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY 3.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ President & Govern^r^
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ THOM^S^ GRAY.

Ship Orange arriveing the 1^st^ Instant from Bencolen, where She Stayed her limitted time of two months in hopes of a ladeing of pepper but was dispatch't thence hither with two chests of Medicines only and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companys packetts of the 9^th^ and 30^th^ May, but being now tco late to send her to China, besides we have no Silver for it and not Sufficient pepper or any other goods to lade her hence home, 'Tis therefore resolved to dispatch her with all expedition for Bengall consigned to the Agent and Councill to provide as rich and full a cargo as their Stock will allow of, to encrease which Tis now agreed and orderd that fifty thousand pagodas be Sent them upon her with what Silver or gold Mohurrs procureable which M^r^ Fraser Warehousekeeper is orderd to provide and the Mintmaster to Deliver the two Ing^ts^: of Silver in charge of the Warehouskeeper to be sent to Bengall.

M^r^: John Pitts is orderd to goe aboard the Orange to muster her Company, Surveying the Shipp and examine what goods they have aboard, as also procure what Stores he can for the use of the Garrison. His Storekeepers Acc^ts^: for the month of Aprill was read and past Errours excepted.

M^r^: Tho^s^: Gray Mintmaster desireing to be discharged of that office, Tis orderd that M^r^ Cheney do take charge and officiate therein till further order.

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Orderd that Pa: 500 be paid Mr Wm Fraser late paymaster to defray the garrison charges for the last month.

ELIHU YALE.
JNO: CHENEY.

The warehousekeeper told the Presidt: he could procure of China & other Sortes of Gold to the amo: of 25000 Pa: which had been better sending to Bengall than the 50000 Pags on wch will arise a great Loss to the H: C: } WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.

W. PROBY Secry.

5. Letters to the Agent and Councill in the Bay and to the Depy Governour &a: at Fort St David approved and Signd accompanying Coppyes of the Rt: Honble: Company's: advices by the Orange.

Capt: Utbers request for 20 Tonns of redwood to quintellage his Ship.

TO THE HONBLE: ELIHU YALE
PRESIDr: &a: COUNCILL.

My Shipp not being Sailworthy for want of Kintellage I hereby make my request to your Honr: &a: for twenty Tonns of Redwood upon the Rt: Honble: Compas: Acct: to stiffen my Ship for her Voyage to Bengall to be upon Charterparty tearms of freight to Europe or otherwise dispose at my returne from the Bay hither as your Honr: &a: Shall think fitt.

Honble: &a.
I am
your most humble servant

Fort St: George
5th Augst: 1691.

JOHN UTBER.

The foregoing paper was sent to the Councill for their perusall Mr Wm: Fraser Warehousekeeper was orderd to lade abcard the ship Orange 20 Tonns of Redwood on Charrparty tearms of Freight to Stiffen her for her voyage to Bengall.

TUESDAY 11. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President & Governr
MR: JOHN CHENEY MR: WM: FRASER
MR: THOMAS GRAY.

Mr: John Cheney delivers in an Account of the Warehouse remaines, which Mr Fraser the new Warehousekeeper is orderd to examine with him adjusting it with the Acct: remaines in the Generall Books.

Capt John Utber requesting five hundred Pags upon Charterparty agreement to defray his Shipps charges; It is orderd that it be paid him takeing two receipts for the same.

Capt John Utber also produceing two Bills of Exchange drawn upon us from the West Coast Viz. one from Mr James Sowdon &a Councill from Bencolen for Ryalls 8/8 6400 and $ 3500, from Mr Hammon Gibbon at Indrapore, advanceing 25 ℔ Cent to Capt Utber for the Exchange only, which is Such an unreasonable unparralell'd Proffit, that wee cannot allow of, being done by them without the Rt Honble Compas or our order or allowance since by their last Acctt of Cash sent us they had Ryalls 8/8 [*blank*] at York fort and [*blank*] at Indrapore which though ruggeder then usuall being cankard by long lying in the Saltwater, yet the Silver is the finer by the wasting the Alloy and might have been Sent hither by Severall oppertunitys as orderd or to Batavia by the Pearle or Saphir

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friggot and chang'd there for little or nothing into Currant dollers, or twould have been noe loss to Cap^{t} Utber to have given them weight for weight, but instead of this to take up money of him at 25 ℔ C^{t} advance without the least hazzard, is most unreasonable since Cap^{t} Utber could not have laid out or improved his money to any advantage hither, bringing much more in Specie So that this Exchange rather deserved a Consideration, for Secureing his money from the danger of the Seas and more particularly from Pyratts and the french who have done great mischeifs in these parts·from all which reasons we told Cap^{t} Utber we could accept the bills upon no other tearms then paying him his principall and referring the advances wholy to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} good pleasure & determination, which after many complaints disputes and arguments on both sides the foll agreement was drawn out and Sign'd to, and a Bill given him for $ or Ryalls of eight Nine thousand Nine hundred Payable by the Agent &^{a} in Bengall.

ELIHU YALE.
JN^{o} : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.

The Rt. Honble. Comp. Seal.

W^{M}. PROBY Sec^{y}.

Coppy of the President & Councills and Cap^{t} John Utber agreement interchangebly Sign'd and Seald.

Whereas Cap^{t} John Utber Command^{r} of Shipp Orange arrived the ℔^{mo} Instant from the West Coast of Sumatra produc't two Bills of Exchange for Nine thousand Nine hundred Ryalls of eight drawn upon us the President & Councill for Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} East India Comp^{a} Viz^{t} by M^{r} James Sowdon Cheif & Councill of York fort for Ryalls Six thousand four hundred & three thuosand five hundred Dollers by M^{r} Hamon Gibbons Cheif &^{a} of Indrapore wth twenty five ℔ C^{t} advance thereon for the bare Exc^{a} wthout any Risgoe w^{ch} we the President & Councill judgeing to be unreasonable & without example do accept y^{e} said Bills with the S^{d} Cap^{t} John Utbers consent and agreem^{t} upon this consideration Viz to give him a bill of Exchange upon the Agent &^{a} in Bengall for Ryalls ⅛ Nine thousand Nine hundred being the Principall paid into the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash to the fores^{d} Cheifs at the West Coast & y^{t} the 25 ℔ C^{t} advance thereon be by us the President &^{a} and the S^{d} John Utber freely & mutually referrd to the finall decision & determination of y^{e} Hon^{ble} Deputy & Committee for the time being for the R^{t} Hon^{ble} East India Company either to pay or not to pay the said 25 ℔ Cent advance on s^{d} bills in confirmation whereof, Wee the Subscribers have interchangeably Sett our hands & the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Seale to two acts of this Tennor at Fort S^{t} George in the Citty of Madras this 11th day of August An^{o} Dom 1691.

JN^{o} : UTBER. locus sigilli.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.
THOM^{S} : GRAY.

W^{M} : PROBY Sec^{y} :

The President &^{as}: bill of Exc^{a} : upon the Agent &^{a}; in Bengall for Ry^{ll} : ⅛ 9900 payable to Cap^{t} : John Utber.

Fort S^{t} George y^{e} 11th Augst 1691 $ 9900.

Six dayes after sight of this our only Bill of Exchange pay unto Cap^{t} John Utber or his order the Summe of nine thousand Nine hundred Ryalls of eight or the Vallue thereof in Currant rupees for the vallue paid by him in Ry^{ll} of ⅛ into

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the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash at Bencolen and Indrapore as ℔ advice at time make good payment and charge it to Acct: Currant.

Rt Worspll &a
Your affect: freinds
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM: FRASER.
THOMS: GRAY.

To the Rt Worspll Job Charnock
Agent &a Councill for Acct of the Rt Honble
English East India Compa in Bengall.

11. Delivered Capt: John Utber his dispatch for Bengall.

13. Shipp Orange Capt John Utber Set saile this morning for Bengall, as also the Susanna Robert Harbin Commandr in Company of the Orange.

18. Generall to Surrat approved and Signd, encloseing the Rt: Honble: Compas: advice the Orange.

TUESDAY 25. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governr
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WM FRASER
MR THOMS: GRAY.

The President Acct: of the Rt: Honble: Cash for the month of July was read and past and the ballance remaing Pags 130322: 30:5.

Mr John Cheneys Warehouse Acct: for the month of July was read and past Errours Excepted and paid into the Rt: Honble: Cash Pags: Eight thousand three hundred forty-nine and fifteen fanams for goods Sold by him.

Mr Thomas Gray read his Sea Custome Accts: for the month of June and paid into Cash Pags: one thousand nine hundred and sixty Two & thirty four fanams and half Errours excepted.

Mr John Pitt Provisional Storekeepr his Accts: for the month of June and July was read and past Errours excepted and he haveing little buisness now about Shipping or provision of stores he is orderd to examine Mr Thomas Wavells Accts: of the Quitt rents and Wine licence &a: and receive the ballance thereof of the Widdow, afterwards yt he take charge and collect the Severall quitt rents &a: till further order and that he have a Writer to Assist him therein.

They being very importunate at St Davids for Soldiers in consideration of the troubles their often disputes with their Neighbours the Dutch occasions, as also that the Moors Generall Zull faker Cawn being gone that way possibly may give them a troublesome Vissitt in his returne, Tis therefore orderd that 20 Soldiers with a Sergeant be sent thither overland and in consideration we are so poorly mann'd haveing not above 80 English Soldiers and too few others to keep our outgaurds, Tis therefore orderd that the Paymastr do entertaine 30 Topasses more & all Europeans that offer their Service.

Zull Faker Cawn the Moors Generall haveing lately wrote the Governour for some hasser Cordage for the drawing his feild pieces & Artillary Tis orderd that Coir Cordage be provided & sent him, Europe cordage not procureable but upon deer rates.

Letter to Vizagapatam read and approved.

Orderd that Mr: Thomas Gray do pay what of Mr: Hall's estate in his hands to the Paymastr and that he dispose his goods also, and the amt brought into the Compas books.

ELIHU YALE.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

Govrs Accott Cash excepted
Acco Cash Erronius & not past
Acct Cash not past.

W: PROBY Secy.

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This day arrived two Generalls of the 27th: and 28th: of August from the Agent and Councill off Bengall encloseing an Inventory of what goods were deliverd by them here at their comeing up last from Bengall, which is Supposed to be the ball or Remaines of their books to the time they left Bengall and So cleard off to this place, wherefore it was sent to the Accomptant to compare with the Inventory the then Warehousekeeper tooke of them when he received from them, there being neither Acct or Invoyce brought with them yn :So what shall be found overcharged therein to advise them thereof; adviseing also that the William and Mary was arrived at Ballasore. 26.

Generall from Vizagapatam of the 27th July last adviseing that they had dispatch't the Sloop Thomas with a Ladeing of Salt to Bengall according to a former order sent them. 26.

Generall from Fort St David of the 25th Inst adviceing that they had taken Manjee Copang into their possession & plac't a gaurd of Soldiers there which they will continue; also that the Dutch has composed the difference betwixt themselves and Eccogee upon very advantagious tearms; Tis thought that by Zull Faker Cawn the Moors Generall advanceing wth his Army to those p[arts] pretending to assault Tangeor belonging to Eccogee made them condiscend to a peace wth: the Dutch and their tearms to defend against the other wch: otherwise they would never have done, and this possibly may encourage the Dutches sending their Soldiers to their Assistance against us at Tevenepatam, Wherefore desireing a further Supply of Soldiers from hence to defend and maintaine our Rights against any opposers; they have also dispatch the Ship Satisfaction to Trincambar. 30.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 31.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President & Governr
MR: JOHN CHENEY MR: WM: FRASER
MR: THOMAS GRAY at the Mount.

Yesterday receiving letters from the Depy: Governour &a: of St. David, that the Dutch have made peace with Eccogee at Negapatam, and that Senr: Lanius the Dutch Cheif at Tegnapatm reported, he daily expected 200 of their Soldiers and upon their arrivall, he would lead them in Armes to Manjee Copang, the Rt: Honble: Companye's, and there pitch the Dutch flagg and defend it by force of Armes against us; upon Serious consideration whereof, the following letter and order was wrote, and agreed to be Sent to Mr: Hatsell &a: for their proceedings therein, Viz:

TO THE WORSPLL: WM: HATSELL
DEPY: GOVERNR: &A:
COUNCILL AT FORT ST DAVID.

By yours of the 25th: Instant recd: yesterday we understand the Dutch at Negapatm have made peace with Eccogee who was necessitated thereto by the approaches Zull faker Cawns Army towards him and the defence of his Countrey and Castell of Tangeor, which if he defends the dutch may possibly find his forces too soon retroubling them, the dutch warr being ill grounded, the only pretence being to quitt themselves from their old rents and agreements, however it happens ill for you in this juncture of dispute and difference with the dutch about the Rt Honble Compas rightfull possession at Tegnapatam Since as the Depy Governour writes their Cheif Lanius allready threatens you with their Soldiers to force Manjee Copang from the Rt Honble Compa and to hoist their flagg there and by force of Arms to Seize and defend the place against You, which being most unjust and illegal and an unsufferable injurious affront to their Majts the Nation and a notorious wrong to the Rt Honble Company, we have therefore thought fitt to send you their Majesties Colours or the Union Flagg,

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which we order you to Pitch at Manje Copang, gaurding it with Soldiers and 12 peons who if are overpowerd by any that dare Seiz them and dishonour the Kings colours & Authority in the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Goverm^t^ and rightfull Inheritance and just Purchas't Possessions you must then repell force by force, if you cannot quiettly take them Prisoners and bring them to civill justice, You must then defend the Kings flagg and Rights with your great gunns from Y^r^ Fort against those that dare assault and Rifle it Since therin they can be esteemd noe other then Invaders and Robbers, they only pretending to have a leace of it for three years from Rama Raja, who by his Phyrmaund has made over his property and the rent thereof to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Camp^a^ but first tell them amicably by two of your Councill, that we grant and confirm their leace from Rama Raja to its expiration at the rent agreed upon as alsoe their Customes provided they readily pay the Same to the Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ that they formerly paid the King or Duan before its Sale and alination, which if they have noe regaurd to then duely represent to them the Honour and Authority of King William's Colours and y^e^ danger of affronting and abuseing them, the Strict allyance of our Nations and the ill consequences of breaking it, as also the Nations Interest and undoubted Rights of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Purchace and the injustice of invadeing it w^ch^ : if they are Still deaf and resolved upon their violent oppositions and injuries then follow our Orders in defending your Selves and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ : rights, the cause being good and just, there is no doubt, but God, the King His Lawes and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ will protect us and you therein, and this is the result of our debates and resolves thereon, Since if we tamely Suffer these wrongs, they may as well claime and possess themselves of your fort, this place and all the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ possessions Settlem^ts^ Estate and concerns in India, which the preservation of ought and Shall be dearer to us then our fortunes and lives, wherein the Allmighty direct and bless us & You.

Worsp^ll^ &^a^
Your most faithfull affect^e^
freinds.

M^r^ John Cheney Accomptant read his Journ^ll^ for the month of May and paid into the Comp^as^ Cash Pag^s^ 500 for goods Sold by him out of the Warehouse.

M^r^ W^m^ Fraser late Paymast^r^ his Acc^ts^ for the month of July were read and past Errours excepted, the ballance whereof orderd to be paid him after examination of his Acc^ts^ He also paid into Cash Pag^s^ one thousand for goods Sold by him out of the Warehouse.

Orderd that the ballance of M.^r^ Sam^ll^ Swynoke Porto Novo Charges and expences be ℔used and examined by the Book-keeper and Store-keeper tho they have past them at S^t^ Davids, and that after it be paid him as also M^r^ Richard Watt's bill from Maccow upon the President & Councill for Pag^s^ 250 for clearing him and the rest from the troubles Cap^t^ W^m^ Heath brought upon y^m^ there, for which he is made D^r^ and has already paid part of it into the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash as ℔ his Acc^t^ enterd in the Consultation book w^ch^ the Accomptant is orderd to bring into the Gen^ll^ Books.

ELIHU YALE.
JN^o^ : CHENEY.

M^r^ Haines & M^r^ Constable at ffort S^t^ Davids appointed to Examine M^r^ Swynocks acc^os^ there, brought in to the Dep^ty^ Gover^r^ &c^a^ a Paper of Errors to y^e^ H : C : prejudice about Pag^os^ 300. } WILL: FRASER.

W^M^ PROBY Sec^y^.

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Generall from Fort S^{t} David of the 29th last moñ adviseing that Severall eminant Portugueze Merchants were come from Porto Novo to inhabit and trade there, desireing a peice of ground may be allotted them in Cuddalore for their service to build a Church and dwelling houses, which they accordingly granted them, provided the President and Councill approved thereof, and Tis thought they will he very beneficiall and defencive to the place haveing already Shipt off to the amount of 15000 Pag^{s} w^{ch} is a good beginning, and their Cofferys of which they have many will be of good defence to Cuddalore, also advises that the Dutch has two Sloops arrived there and 32 Soldiers landed with drums and Colours & they hear they have brought Some feild peices, w^{ch} M^{r} Hatsell &^{a} has forbidden bringing ashoar, their Ladeing is Copper Spice and other goods which they refrain Selling, designeing to defraud the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} of their Customes. SEPTEMBER. 2

Severall of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Mercha^{ts} and Inhabitants came this evening and made their complaints to the President, that the Worsp^{ll} W^{m} Fraser Mayor and Coart of Aldermen had imprisond four of the Hon^{ble} Companye's Merchants for Severall dayes and kept them from their Victualls for nothing more than for not Signing to an Arbitration they were desired upon, which they say they could not in conscience do, haveing not examined those Acc^{ts} that have bin for above these fourty years depending, desireing they may be releast for some Small time to goe home and eat according to the Ceremoneys of their Cast, which the Govern^{r} granted them in, ordering the Marshall to goe with them to their houses and returne them So soon as they had done eating and Not lett them Starve in prison.

This morning the Merchants &^{a} deliverd a Petition to the Hon^{ble} Governour and Councill as followes. 6.

Traslate of a Petition from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Merch^{ts} and Petty Merch^{ts} of Madrass to the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale, President & Govern^{r} &^{a} Councill of Fort S^{t} George, dated the 6th Septemb^{r} 1691.

Since the English first Settled in this place tis now about 50 years past, under whose Goverment we have hitherto lived quiettly & peaceably till lately Pedda Tombe Chetty and Cornapa haveing accounts depending, (which has been from their grand fathers time of fourty years Standing) Pedda Tombe Chittee enterd his action against Cornapa in the Mayors Coart, where he was sent for and examined why he did not end his Accounts with Pedda Tombe Chittee, who reply'd that if they would order four Merchants, Arbitrat^{rs} and to examine into the Acc^{ts} he would be satisfy'd. The Worp^{l} Mayor and Coart of Aldermen Accordingly orderd four Jentue Merchants Arbitrators and took a writeing from Cornapa & Peda Tombe Chittee, then the Worsp^{ll} Mayor and Coart of Aldermen sent for the Arbitrators and orderd them to look over the Accounts, but not to conclude y^{m} which they did and told the Coart of it, who would have them Signe the Arbitration, but they answerd that they had not made an end of the Acc^{ts} and they could not Signe upon which the Coart kept them from their Victualls & imprisond them till Such time they forc't them to Signe the Worsp^{l} Mayor and Coart of Aldermen proceeding in this Nature we are very much afraid to goe on our Merchandizeing, for fear the like buisness may come upon us, We doe not understand the English Law nor language and the least buisness we complaine of to the Court, we ruine one another, therefore if Your Hon^{r} and Councill please to give orders that any buisness that happens among us may be ended by us, what Court charges there is, we are willing to allow, if Your Hon^{r} and Councill be pleased to allow us this Liberty then we will carry on

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our buisness & trade here as formerly, otherwise if Your Hon^{r} and Coun cill pleases to ℔mitt us to remove we will readily doe it.

Signed by.

TOMBAN.
VEROO PATCHE.
CANANE CHETTEE.
YERA CHETTY.
MARRA CHETTEE.
PUDAPAUCA TOMBE CHETTEE.
PERASHA RAMUDO.
TEROOLAPA CHETTEE.
CORNAPA CHETTEE.
WALLAGA CHETTEE.
THEROOVERANGADUM. COLLOWA CHETTEE.
MADAVOO CHETTEE NELLAN.
CHINA VALLAGA CHETTEE.
LINGAPAH.
SERANGARIAH.
SHEWOA RAYEN.
MOONE MARRA MUTTAH.
MARRAYENNA.
TOMBEE TANAPA.
VENNEE.
TELLO CONNUM.
SHAVA.
TONAGA MARROW.

6. Generall from Fort S^{t} David of the 2^{d} Septem^{r} adviseing the receipt of ours of the 31st ultm^{o} wth his Majesties union flagg and that the dutch still continue their Affronts to us endeavouring if they can to wrong the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} of their rights and Customes, they have lately sent away their Women and lumber, orderd their Merch^{ts} to gett their goods in readiness to be gone where they shall order which carrys a badd designe in them.

7. The President rec^{d} by the Register M^{r} Edwrd Tredcroft the foll paper from the Worsp^{l} W^{m} Fraser May^{r} and Coart of Aldermen which he orderd to be registerd.

To THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}:

The R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{a} haveing incorporated us the Mayor and Aldermen of this place by their Charter bearing date the 30th Decemb^{r} 1687 approved of by his y^{n} Maj^{ty} King James the Second, impowering us to determine Causes as well Civill as Criminall for y^{e} peaceable and good Goverm^{t} of this their Citty of Madrass, our Judgement not to be finall but subject upon appeals to Alteration by the Coart of Admiralty, the Coart of Admiralty being Voyd by the death of the Judge Advocate, and Your Hon^{r} &^{a} Councill finding our Coart highly conduceing to the happiness and prosperity of the Place and Inhabitants by our impartiall distribution of Justice to all, thought convenient by Your order of 22^{d} Aprill 1689, to take off appeals to any Superior Power, we justly expected the continuance of your Hon^{rs} favour and countenance to our new establishm^{t} in obedience to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} necessary injunction of the 25th Jan^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ but contrary to our expectation and the Comp^{as} Commands Your Hon^{r} broke in upon our priviledges the 25th Aprill 1690 forceing our prison, freeing thence Wassalinga in upon execution for Pag^{a} : 852 : 23 : without privity either of his Creditor or us, which is an open Violation of our Rights and practice, distructive to trade and good Goverment which endeavours of bringing us under the yoke of your Single controule had it then ended, we had Silently passed by notwithstanding it Struck at the foundation of our Settlement, but to our amazement we are again alarmd by the same Practices, our Jaylor complaining your Hon^{r} threatned him with Corporall punishm^{t} for refuseing to sett att liberty Collowa Chettee, who was legally committed for his unsufferable contempt of our Authority & scared him into complyance by your Scandalous paper of the 2^{d} Instant, which

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being brought to us we are obliged in Vindication of ourselves to reply to it, tho otherwise Your Hon^{rs} expressions deserv'd noe notice, You therein terme us Arbitrary unjust and unreasonable forcers of mens consciences, a Charecter we are as little deserving of, as it is becomeing a Coart of Judicature. Collawa Chettee was legally committed, the reasons we shall satisfye Your Hon^{r} when your power is Sufficient to call us to an Account, tis the constitution of all good goverments for the Millatary to Support the Civill and both to unite, but since Your Hon^{r} is resolved to Sett one in Opposition against the other, We are Obliged to declare you the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale Esq^{r} President & Govern^{r} of this place answerable for all damages that have or may hereafter Accrew to any Person by your unwarrantable forceing men from the hands of Justice. We are

Hon^{ble} S^{r}
Your most Hum^{ble} Servants
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO: GRAY.
D: CHARDIN.
BARTH: RODRIGUES.
HENRY ALFORD.
JOHN AFFLACK.
CHARLES METCALF.
SYMON HOLCOMB.

Dated in y^{e} town of Fort S^{t} George
this 7th day of Septem^{b} 1691.

The Presidents answer to the Worsp^{l} May^{r} &^{a} Paper orderd to be registerd viz.

To THE WORSP^{L} W^{M} FRASER MAY^{R}
M^{R} THO: GRAY
M^{R} D: CHARDIN
M^{R} BAR: RODRIGUEZ
M^{R} HENRY ALFORD
M^{R} JOHN AFFLACK
M^{R} CHARLES METCALF
M^{R} SYMON HOLCOMB.

I am sorry to see soe many Sober men Seduc't from their respects and reason by Some factious (I wish I may not say Mutinous people) among you against me and y^{e} Govermen^{t} to Signe So erronious and Scurrilous a paper as I this day rec^{d} from you by the Register, but I am willing to beleive those persons imposed upon by ficticious Storyes or have err'd into it by their misunderstandings, the buisness of your Coart being managed by a few bold undertakers, that either impose upon or mislead the rest, for whose Sake and Satisfaction only, I take this trouble of a reply, tho most of these things have been formerly offer'd the Coart, but I doubt perused by few of y^{m} otherwise they would never have fallen into this mistake and So much for the preamble.

I shall now answer your libellous paper for I can tearm it no otner, it containing so much Reflections and little of truth.

And first relateing to Your Charter I most respectfully owne its Originall & Authority and have contributed all kind assistance to its honour and encouragement in my power, so long as you acted by the Kings Lawes, the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} and the Charter, but when you deviate from those tis time and necessary for me to interpose my Authority by redress, as first for your presumeing to make and declare your Coart and Judgements finall and absolute beyond appeal which being expressly opposite to y^{e} tenure of the Charter, I utterly disown and disapprove any Such declaration or Authority haveing noe power deligated from the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Company either to myself and Councill jointly or Seperately to make any Such materiall addition, nor So much as an Alteration wthout their Hon^{rs} approbation and order expressly to us and much less to the Corporation, who are in many things Subjected to us, as to the methods & construction of the Charter and deposeing of

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disorderly members, besides your inabillity for a finall determination of weighty Causes for want of an able Recorder to direct you in point of Law which I Suppose none of you can pretend to, nor but few to be experienc't Merchants, and tis great error and folly in you to conclude or immagine that because my Councill are unreasonably bent and combined to oppose me, that therefore I must be unconcernd in your Affaires, or the Goverment of the place, you are mistaken if you think so, the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Charter and letters will tell you otherwise and Surely my Commission Trophies and Authority from their Hon^rs^ are as great as yours, as you may also read by their last generall letters by the Orange, where the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^s^ own the improvement of the place and revenues more to me then my Councill, tho I am and Shall be allwayes willing to take their concurrence in the managem^t^ of Affaires, but they being Seperated from me in your Corporatiõ buisness by their being the Cheif members thereof tis therefore my indespencible duty to hear and redress the just complaints of the Inhabitants for whose ease and benefitt the Corporation was constituted and partly proposed by me to their Hon^rs^, which if I neglect I should be unfaithfull to my trust and them, and become accessary and culpable in their Suffering, which I shall never be guilty of, whilst our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Masters are pleased to honour and intrust me with the Station I am in, and endeavour to prevent me the trouble of.

And whereas you unjustly charge me with intrenching upon your priveledges by releaceing Wassalinga a poor miserable wretch that by the cruelty of M^r^ Bridger had been close confin'd for debt near 12 months, till he almost perisht with hunger and Sickness, without either care or releif from his merciless Creditor, which the Martiall often passionately acquainting me with, I confess I orderd his remove to his house for his recovery, but with this Caution that he was not to leave the town, but to be always ready upon demand, and took Security for it, as the poor man was upon your first enquiry when charritable M^r^ Bridger arrested Y^e^ poor Martiall in an action of a 1000 Pag^s^ for releasing him, which probably your Severity might have exacted from him, had he not readily returnd the miserable wretch to his confinem^t^ where he has layne many months without regaurd and as your Jaylor tells me in a most deplorable condition likely to Starve for want, which if he does I pray his blood may not fall upon yo^r^ heads, it being contrary to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ order, who according to the Lawes of England in their Generall letter by the Defence, where they more mercifully order, that the poor shall have their causes pleaded by the Attorney Generall gratis in forma pauperis, and that Prisoners for debt Shall be enlarged, if they Solemnly Swear themselves not worth 12 Pag^s^ upon w^ch^ order and oath I discharged him to his house, tho since by your wisdome and Justice recalld to prison, where you may judge in whom the fault lyes.

Your next complaint is from the same justice and reason as the former, which, that the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^s^ may Judge of I shall faithfully report. Viz: on Wednesday last hundreds of the Cast and relations of Collawa Chettee an eminent Merch^t^ of the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ had been long confin'd and as your Jaylor told me without either crime action or warrant, and that he had eat nothing for two dayes, by which he was much indisposed and Sick and all this Severity for no other reason that I hear then his refuseing to Signe an Arbitration Paper on an old intricate difference he was Voluntarily employ'd in declareing he could not Signe his opinion of it, not being Satisfyed therein or rightly understanding it, the Acc^ts^ being not intelligible of about 40 years Standing, when upon the pittifull importunityes of his freinds and in commiseration of the prisoner, takeing the Security of two able Merchants in a 1000 Pag^s^ for his returne w^thin^ two hours, I wrote an order to the Jaylor to permitt his goeing to eat after the ceremonys of his Cast and not let him Starve in prison, which accordingly was granted him and he complyed with[(] and this your Judicious civillitys miscall a Scandall) but notwithstanding y^e^ next day your Officer came to him in prison laying rude hands and threats upon him, Saying he came by the Mayor M^r^ frasers order to

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tell him, that he must either Signe the Arbitration paper he sent him or that he should continue and Starve in prison, w^ch^ terrible menaces affrightned the Sick man into a Complyance to Save his life and get his freedome, however the Noise of the Severity Spred so much among the Inhabitants, that thousands of y^m^ came to me with complaints of it, bringing a Petition to me and Councill, which I now send you translated, by which you may Judge of the Satisfaction and encouragement, your proceedings give the Inhabitants, in Somuch that if these oppressions are not Redrest we are likely to loose a great part of the towns people, w^ch^ I leave to your considerations to remedy and there shall be nothing wanting towards it on my part God haveing hitherto blest my endeavours and methods to the great encrease improvement and protection of the place, all I desire of You is that you will not ruine it, Since you cannot but know we are Surrounded with troubles and dangers which are easily drawn upon us, by complaint, and So I leave the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Motto for your consideration and practice Viz. *Non minus est Virtus quam quærere parta Tueri.*

One thing more I have to caution you in hearing it has been proposed in your Coart to appoint Justices of the Chowltry which I can by noe means allow of, that buisness belonging particularly to the Goverment and Shall in due time be appointed.

And not intending to trouble myself more with Such Scribles Haveing much buisness of greater weight upon me, I take y^e^ oppertunity againe to require of You the restoration of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ revenues of the measureing duty, Paddy Toll, Brokeridge &^a^ with what due thereon Since your receiving y^m^ I wholly disallowing thereof, you haveing no wayes complyed with the conditions you took it for, otherwise I doe in the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companys name and for their Acc^ts^ hereby protest against you M^r^ W^m^ Fraser and M^r^ Tho Gray and Jointly and Severally for the full amount thereof with due Interest thereon for the time of its detention till payment, dated in ffort S^t^. George this 7^th^ of Sep^tr^ Anno 1691.

Worsp^l^ &^a^
Your very Loveing freind
ELIHU YALE.

And whereas the Mayor &c^a^ pretend an order of Councill for the makeing their Coart absolute and their Sentences a finall determination, there is no Such thing mentioned in Said Consultation of Aprill y^e^ 22^th^ 1689, but on the contrary afterwards in two Severall Consultation of the 6^th^ and 16 of June following signd by the Major part of y^e^ Councill, tis there declared that the Sentences of the Mayors Coart were not finall above three Pag^s^ but that according to the tenure of their Charter all persons had liberty to appeal, which they have Still.

By order
WILLIAM PROBY Sec^ry^ :

Severall Paragraphs of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Generalls relating to the Corporation was orderd by the President to be transcribed and sent to the Worsp^ll^ Mayor and Coart of Aldermen for their ℘usall viz.

Generall of the 12^th^ October 1687.

Paragraph 12. Wee have mentiond often to You an Attorney Gen^l^ an Officer and an office, which many years since they understood at Bombay and have allwayes one, which place Thornbourn took upon him in the time of the rebellion, but our old President Gyfford did So neglect all our Orders, y^t^ we know not yet whether you have constituted any such necessary person or Officer, if you have not let it be immediately done, and the person chosen Such as our Judge Advocate S^r^ John Biggs shall approve of, and doe you appoint him Such reasonable

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Sallary, and Such equitable fees that he may comfortably Subsist upon his employment, and may not be over burdensome to the Inhabitants.

16. Our Governour and Deputy Govern^{r} have had the honour of discoursing very fully with His Majestie concerning our designd incorporation of our Citty of Madrass & Town of Fort S^{t} George which his Majestie exceeding well approved of as being a further approach towards the full exercise of that Sovereigne Power or Jura Regalia, which his Majestie trusts us wth in India and is very Sencible y^{t} wthout the full extent of such Power delegated to us, & exercised by us, as the Dutch Comp^{a} have & exercise in India, we can't hold up the English Interest in a time of trouble or Warr but the Said Charter, being long, is not yet read in the Cabinett Councill, & peradventure y^{e} Novelty of it may administer some debate at the reading of it, which may retard our Sending it you engrossd under our Seale by this Ship, but his Majestey will have passed, and we shall undoubtedly send it you by Cap^{t} Heath, for which purpose we have bespoke two Maces to be carryd before the Mayor and a larger Mace and Sword to be carryd before our Generall, with a Silver oar to be carryd before our Judge Advocate, which will all be ready to be sent y^{o} wth our Charter, in which there will be nothing now for you to correct or alter because it will come to you engrossed wth His Majesties Royall Signature as well as under our larger Seal, but if there be hereafter, need to add any Supplimentall power to the said Corporation, when we see reason for it, We can do that, by Some additionall Charter hereafter.

Generall to the President of the 12th Dec^{br} 1687.

The Governour and Deputy were commanded last night being Sunday to attend his Majesty at the Cabinett Councill, where our intended Charter for incorporating Fort S^{t} George into a body Pollitick, consisting of a Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses, was largely debated before his Majestie, One of the Councill being a Lawyer Seemd to be of opinion, that it was best the Charter Should pass immediately by the King under the great Seal of England, his Majestie asked y^{e} Governour his opinion, who replyed that what his Maj^{ty} thought best the Company would allwayes think, but if his Maj^{ty} expected the Governours private opinion, he said he had ever been of opinion that no Person in India Should be employed by immediate Commission from his Majesty, because if they were it would be prejudiciall to our Service by their Arrogancy and prejudiciall to themselves, because the wind of extraordinary honour in their heads would probably make them So haughty & over bearing that in a little time we should be forced to remove them, and we instanced particularly in S^{r} Jn^{o} Wyborne & D^{r} S^{t} Johns in conclusion his Majesty did so apprehend it, as to think it best, that the Charter should goe under [our] own Seal because the Corporation must be allwayes in Some measure Subject to the controul of our President & Councill & so at length it was agreed & y^{e} Charter is now engrossing & you will have it by Cap^{t} Heath.

The two Maces to be carryed before the Mayor we have desired M^{r} Rodriguez to pay for, not doubting, but the Corporation will be so just & ingenious as to reimburse him, but the great Mace and Sword, which is to be carryd before y^{e} Generall or the President for the time being in abscence of the Generall, and the Silver Oar to be carryd before our Judge Advocate will be paid for by the Company.

Generall of the 25th January 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

16. Wee enjoine you to favour and Countenance our new established Corporation and assist them to gett into their method and order as soon as possibly may be, and if you find the number of Justices appointed by our Charter be too few for that populous Citty, you may make as many more as y^{o} think necessary by particular Commissions.

17. We would have all persons be allowd to plead their own Causes before any of our Coarts of Judicature, if they desire it, or at their election to make use

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of some allowd Attorney to plead for them, but no Attorney shall be permitted to plead for any person untill he be first allowed to be an Authentick Attorney by order of Councill in writing and no Attorney shall have that allowance from You till he has paid 5 pag^{s} into the Comp^{as} Cash for such his allowance to officiate as an Attorney (Quam diu se bene gesseret) and you are to appoint what moderate fees they may take of their Clients and what punishm^{t} shall be inflicted in case any of them should ask or receive more than their allow'd fees, and for paupers, the Judge is to appoint some Attorney to appear and plead gratis as S^{r} John Biggs knows the manner is here in England but what degree of Estate shall be accounted pauper with you at Madrass you must resolve among your Selves a man that Swears he is not worth 5 ℔: is esteemed a pauper in England but it may be two pag^{s}: is as good a poor mans estate at Madrass as five pounds is here.

WILLIAM PROBY Sec^{ry}.

The foregoings was carryd by the Secretary and orderd by the President to be publickly read in Coart, but the Worsp^{l} Mayor &^{a} refused it.

Generall to Fort S^{t} David Signd & Sent. 9.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 21.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}: President & Govern^{r}
M^{R} JOHN CHENEY M^{R} W^{M} FRASER
M^{R} THOM^{S} GRAY.

The Councill being duely Summond.

The President's Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{as} Cash for the month of August was read and past the ballance amounting to Pag^{s}: 76866 : 01 :

M^{r} John Cheney Accomptant read his Journall of the Generall Accounts for the month of June and July Errors excepted and paid into Cash Pag^{s}: 698 : 02 : on y^{e} Warehouse Acc^{t} for goods sold by him.

M^{r} Thomas Gray read the Acc^{ts}: of the Sea Customes for the month of July which was past Errors excepted and paid into Cash Pag^{s}: 1678 : 11 : 3 : also Pag^{s}: 800 on the Mint Acc^{t}:

Ship Satisfaction being return'd with a full Ladeing of Paddy from Trincambar the Warehousekeep^{r} is orderd to unlade her and house it for Stores for the Garrison her Cargoe amounting to Pag^{s}: 587 : 04 : 1 and the Ballance of M^{r} Robert Levisons Acc^{t} being Pag^{s} [*blank*] was paid to M^{r} Hatsell &^{a} at Fort S^{t} David.

Commission & Instruction to M^{r} Charles ffleetwood Deputy Governour &^{a} Councill of the West Coast of Sumatra was read approved and Sign'd.

It is orderd that a Coart Marshall be held on fryday next for the tryall of y^{e} Sever^{ll} Pyratts lately sent hither from Vizagapatam and the Governour be President of y^{e} Coart.

A Letter lately rec^{d} from Nabob Allee Asker Cawn to the Governour advises him that he is calld to Coart, where in consideration he may be of great Service to us wth y^{e} King &^{a} by his kind Character and report of this place, as also to our protection to him &^{a} the Kings Servants from the Morattaes, Tis thought fitt and orderd that a present be made him not exceeding the Vallue of 150 Pa: as also another to Nabob Allemerde Cawn present Nabob of this Carnatta Countrey to the Same amount, he lately writeing very importunately for the town rent money, which being too Soon to comply with not three mo^{ths} of the year being yet expired, besides twill be an example of ill Custome and consequence Tis orderd we excuse paying thereof till tis due if possible.

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There being a Countrey Vessell bound for Atchein &ª where She may possibly meet with a conveyance for Mallacca & Tonqueen It is orderd that the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Campᵃˢ Packett for Mʳ Keeling &ª be deliverd to the Command for its transport which if there be noe oppertunity for, to return it to us.

Orderd that a years Sallary be advanc't to the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Factors now bound for the West Coast, to provide them necessarys for the Voyage they requesting the Same.

Mʳ Daniel Gyfford's Land Customer Accᵗ for the month of August was read and past Errors excepted and paid into Cash Pa: 220 :—

Mʳ John Pitt Provisionall Storekeepʳ his Accᵗˢ for month of August was read & past Errors Excepted, and orderd that 1000 P: be paid him to defray the charges of the Ship Satisfaction and provision of stores.

Mʳ Tho: Wright Pro: Paymaster his Accᵗˢ for the month of [*blank*] was read and past Errors excepted and orderd that 1000 Pa: be paid him to defray the Garrison Charges.

The Warehousekeepʳ acquainted yᵉ Councill that Some Merchants had been treating wᵗʰ him &ª about buying some Corrall and yᵗ they offerd for the box branch Corrall Pa: 180: ℔ maund & Pa: 90 ℔ maund for part of the rest, wᶜʰ the Councill agree to the President would not consent thereto, being in hopes to gett more for it, noe more Corrall being in the Countrey nor any Suddainly to be expected.

ELIHU YALE.

I rememb^{r} yᵉ price offerd for Corrall was 190. JNº. CHENEY.

The President or Secretary have mistaken the report given by the Warehousekeeper of the price offer'd him for the branch Corrall wᶜʰ was Pagᵒˢ 190 ℔ maund. The Council desired Mʳ ffleetwood should find Security to answer the Charge against him from Vizagapatam wᶜʰ the President promised he should do before he went off, but is not done. WILL: FRASER.

The H.C. accº of Cash not past.

WILLIAM PROBY Secʳʸ.

I do attest and am ready to make oath to the best of my knowledge that the price proposed by Mʳ Fraser &ª for the Corrall was 180: Pa: ℔ mᵈ for the branch Corrall and P: 90: for the other sort, and that after Mʳ fraser wrote me a Note thereof urging its Sale at those Rates.

WILLIAM PROBY Secʳʸ.

[NOVEMBER] MUND 18 * ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQᴿ President & Governʳ
Mᴿ JOHN CHENEY Mᴿ WILLᴹ FRASER.
Mᴿ THOMAS GRAY *sick.*

The Presidents Accᵗ of the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Cash for the months of Septembʳ and October was read and past the ballance . . . Pa: 74116: 02: 3.

Mʳ William Fraser's Accᵗ of the Warehouse for the months of Septembʳ & October was read and past Errors excepted and paid into Cash Pagˢ one thousand and orderd to be repaid him to provide necessaryes for the intended presents to the Prince Cawn Bux &ª but to take the Governours approbation of them, before he buys.

Mʳ Thomas Gray Sea Custome Accᵗˢ for the month of August was read and past Errors excepted & paid into Cash Pagˢ five hundred Sixty nine, five fanˢ and two Cash.

* This consultation follows the consultation of Sep. 21, 1691 and there is nothing to indicate omission of any matter; it is presumed therefore that for the intervening period there were no consultations.

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Mr John Pitts Storekeepers Accts for the month of September were read and past Errors excepted.

Mr Thomas Wright Paymasters Accts for the month of September were read and past Errors excepted and orderd a thousand Pags be paid him to defray the Garrison Charges.

Mr Daniel Gyfford Land Custome Accts for the month of September and October were read and Past Errors excepted and paid into Cash Pags Three hundred and fifty.

Mr Samuel Swynoke dying intestate yesterday, Mr John Pitts and Mr Tho: Wright are orderd to take care of his buriall and concernes and bring the ballance of his Acct after payment of his debts, into the Rt Honble Companyes Cash to be made good to his relations in England.

The Acct Sallary due the 29th of Septembr last amounting to Pags 987: 15: 1 Is orderd to be paid.

Severall fugitives and other Europeans in the Moor's Service being willing to returne to their dutyes, wrote to the Governour desireing a pardon which is agreed and orderd to be granted, provided they returne hither wthin three months after the date hereof.

Receiving yesterday overland advices from Surrat of the 13th September last, wherein they give us the Sad newes of their reconfinement by reason a Moors Ship from Mocha was taken by an Eurcpean Pyrat, the Merchants reporting her to be a Companys Ship & therefore required Satisfaction, Whereupon the Agent &a were confind under gaurd & applyd by letters to the King &a to be freed from their gaurds and aspersions, and their Shipps from the embargoes they were under.

Allemerde Cawn, Nabob & Seer lascar of these parts, haveing lately been very importunate for the town rent money for the Kings or his urgent occasions, which we have long excused, not being due these 5 months but in consideration of his many Signall great favours to us in the releasment of the Vessell and Goods belonging to private Merchants of this place, lately cast away at Mileverom under his Goverment which formerly were forfeited to the King of Golcandah and nothing to the contrary mentiond in any of our Phyrmaund, haveing also given his Rocca declareing such accidents were to be free for the future as also our Customes; and the goods being brought Safely hither to us, Tis agreed and orderd that the Severall proprietors do advance three hundred Pagodas and the Rt Honble Company add two hundred to it to make him a present, as also the town rent money be Sent him, deducting only what Stores we have Spared the Nabob Zulphaker Cawn for the Kings use.

The Present for the Prince and ye Viseer Assid Cawn was discourst of, also a present is orderd to be made to Ishmael Cawn & Emaum Coolee for their Service and endeavours in the procury of the King's Phyrmaund for this place &a and that at present Pags five thousand be provided for the intended presents.

Orderd that three hundred Pagodas be advanc't to the Brickmakers to provide bricks for the Garrison use.

Mr James Wheeler is orderd to assist Mr John Cheney in carrying on the generall books of Accts and Mr Joseph Lister Assistant to Mr John Pitts in the collection of the Quitt rents.

Mr William Fraser Warehousekeepr is orderd to unlade the Saphir Friggot of her ladeing of Pepper &a this day arrived from ye West Coast.

The Saphyr Friggot being found well fitted and in a good Condition to make a present Voyage, haveing been well repaired at Batavia & considering the pressing necessity the Rt Honble Compas factoryes are in for want of money to carry on that important Settlement and trade of Pepper for the future benefitt of the Honble Companys and the Nation as also for the present occasion for procureing ladeing for the Shipps now on that side India and the Agent &a repeated importunitys for a supply for it, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that thirty thousand Pagodas be sent to Ruttera, Callicut and Carwar upon the Saphir

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Friggot, with what Allome, Brimstone Stores and Ammunition we can spare, for Surrat and Bombay with twenty European Soldiers from hence and S^t^ David, which are more then our Garrison can well allow of, but considering their greater want and danger we cannot but recruit them as also to gaurd the treasure goeing on this Ship from Enimyes or pyrats who are numerous and forceable on that Coast, The Warehousekeep^r^ and paymaster & storekeeper are orderd to make all possible dispatch herein, that the money may arrive time enough to procure Pepper for the returning Europe Shipping and y^t^ y^e^ Warehousekeep^r^ do put up bills for freight upon the Saphir for Surrat &^a^ at the usuall rates and to be dispatcht by the 10^th^ of Decemb^r^ next.

ELIHU YALE.

I except against Gov^rs^ Cash as heretofore, M^r^ Wheeler was ordred to assist in Ex^a^ y^e^ bookes for M^r^ Littletons time brought up by M^r^ Betts before this was bro^t^: to be signed w^ch^ is y^e^ 11^th^ Dec^r^ newes of a Pyratt being on y^e^ other Coast I thinke it not safe to adventure more then fivefteen thousand Pag^s^ on y^e^ Saphire. } JN^O^: CHENEY.

The Gover^rs^ Cash was read but not past, M^r^ Nicks not to be paid any more Sallary, but dismist the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ service was much urged w^ch^ the President would by no meanes admit of, nor is it entered here, the Case of M^r^ Wheeler is wrong entered he being ordered to hasten the gen^ll^ books under his hand & with M^r^ Cheney to examine M^r^ Littletons Gen^ll^ books brought up by Francis Bett, we want to have a Consultation to consider further the safety of the Treasure because of late advises, no word mentioned in Consultation of the Gover^rs^ approbation of what I bought. } WILL: FRASER.

18. Generall from the Agent and Councill of Surrat adviseing of their being reconfind by the Goverment, by reason it was reported that a Surrat Moorship comeing from Mocho with a rich Cargoe to the Vallue of 900000 rupees was Seized and taken by an English Shipp affirming to belong to y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^, whereupon y^e^ Agent &c^a^ were sent for, to discourse them about it, w^ch^ they endeavour'd to Satisfye the Goverment in, by Saying that this Action might possibly be committed by Some Pyratts under English Coulors, or their Enimyes the Danes, which they could noe wayes prevent, but these Seem'd to have little or noe effect upon them, but returnd Prisoners to the factory.

Letter from Nabob Allemerde Cawn to the President desireing two brass gunns may be bought for his Acc^t^.

Letter from Seer Cawn Lodees Son to Ebrim Cawn Lodee to the president.

23. Shipp Dyamond belonging to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ whereof James Howell is Commander arrived this day from Bengall w^th^ Saltpeter and provision, as also brought the Agent and Councills letter of the 5^th^ Instant.

General to the Agent and Councill of Surr^t^ read and approved.

General to Fort S^t^ David read and approved.

29. Letter from the dutch Cheif of Tegnapatam to the President adviseing of a Pyratt being upon the Coast of India.

DECEMB^R^: ℔^mo^. The Presidents letter to the Dutch Cheife returning him thanks for his advice.

Nabob Allemerde Cawn requesting a pass for his Shipp Darea Dowlett, Twas granted them.

4. Generall to Fort S^t^ David read and approved.

5. Generall from Fort S^t^ David.

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By some private letters from the Dutch Cheif at Golcandah, advises that that place is beseiged by the Morattaes with 10000 horse and that the Moores have but 5000 to defend them; and likewise advises of a strange Accident that a woman there had twenty Male Children at one birth, and all lived three hours.

The Brigganteen of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Company arrived this morning w^th^ a Ladeing of graine from Vizagapatam also w^th^ their advices. 13.

The President wrote an Order to the Warehousekeeper to unlade the Brigganteen of her graine and packing Stuff houseing y^m^ Securely. 14.

Shipp Will^m^ and Mary arrived this morning from Bengall and brought a Gen^l^ of the 30^th^ last month.

Instructions to Cap^t^ W^m^ Covell and Jacob de Graves Commander of the Saphyr Friggot read and approved.

Generall to the Agent and Councill of Surrat approved.

Deliverd Jacob de Graves his dispatch. 24.

Shipps Will^m^ and Mary and the Saphir friggot Sett Saile this Morning, ordering them to keep Company for the greater Security of y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^ Companys treasure aboard them.

ATT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 26.

Present

ELIHU YALE President & Govern^r^
M^R^ [*blank*] M^R^ WILL^M^ FRASER
M^R^ THOMAS GRAY.
M^R^ JOHN CHENEY *sick.*

The Presidents Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Cash for the month of November was read & past y^e^ ballance amounting to Pag^s^ 69674: 12: 4 also to this day the ballance examined being Pag^s^ 37875: 00: 0.

M^r^ William Fraser Warehousekeeper his October Acc^ts^ of the Warehouse were read and past Errors excepted and paid into Cash a thousand pagodas and orderd P. 420: $\frac{3}{4}$ be paid him to pay for Rupees.

M^r^ Thomas Gray Sea Custome Acc^ts^ for the months of Septemb^r^ and October was read and past and paid into Cash Pag^s^ 2075: 24½.

M^r^ Thomas Wright Provisionall paymast^r^ Acc^ts^ for the month of October was read and past Errors excepted and orderd a thousand pagodas be paid him to defray the Garrison Charges.

M^r^ Daniel Gyfford Land Custome Acc^ts^ for the month of [*blank*] was read and past and paid into Cash Pag^s^ 180: 00: 0.

Orderd that Ten thousand Pag^s^ be sent to Fort S^t^ David on the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ Brigganteen to begin an Investment in Longcloth & Sallamp^rs^ being at present more plentifull and Cheap there then formerly.

The President declareing that he had a particular Authority from the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ to employ M^r^ Richard Trenchfeild in their Service, tis therefore agreed and orderd that he do accompany the present, he being the fittingst person for this negotiation in regaurd of his Accurateness in the Moors Language and Knowledge in the Custome of their Durbarrs and that M^r^ Pitt do accompany him therein and that 100 Pag^s^ be advanc't to them towards the charge of their equipage, and that a suitable gaurd and ritinue be orderd for their attendance to so August a Prince.

Orderd that M^r^ James Wheeler after he has concluded the Generall books II to Aprill 91 that he be sent Second of Fort S^t^ David and M^r^ Heynes be sent to Bengall on the first Shipp.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper do dispose of the Gram by small parcells to keep up the markett price, as also that half of the Long pep^r^ and Some wheat be sent to David on the Brigganteen it bearing a better price there then here, and that 20 Candy of Saltpeter be sent them to make powder for the Garrison, they haveing people able for it, that do it cheaper then Ours.

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Mr James Harding petitioning to be readmitted into the Rt Honble Compas Service promissing to be more agreable then formerly in regaurd of which and to his antient Service and great poverty and the great want of Assistance at Surrat &ca and he being an able sober man fitt for buisness, tis agreed that he be sent thither upon the William & Mary, in Senior Merchants degree at 40 £ ₱ annum and to succeed in the Rt Honble Compas service there according as they shall judge convenient.

Our Countrey Vessells being an excessive charge to this place, the Agent &a have Scarcely sent sufficient goods to defray Shipp Dyamonds expence in the Bay, all which they have unduely charg'd hither.

The storekeeper is therefore orderd to take out her brass gunns &a Supernumerary stores and putt her up at a publick Sale, but not Sell her under fifteen hundred pagodas.

[ELIHU YALE.]

I except as formerly the Cash WILL: FRASER.

I except agst ye Govrs Cash THO: GRAY.

W. PROBY Secry.

This evening dyed Mr John Cheney of a Feavour.

29. Generall from Callicut of the 10th Novbr last confirming the newes of the Pyratts being on that Coast, reporting many more of them to be on that side of India robbing and plundering all they meet with, which gives great trouble to our people and Affaires there, they also say they mett Capt Knox off the Cape, but offerd no Violence.

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